



Special Homecoming Supplement
Your guide to Northwest's biggest weekend of the year



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Members of the Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia perform their skit, "Bobby Goes to Mars," in the Homecoming Variety Show Wednesday. The group, a professional music fraternity,

sang and danced its way across the stage and sent the crowd rolling with its parody of cheerleaders and Martians. For more on the show, see pages 4-5.

Spotlights shine on Northwest this week as the entire campus comes together to present "Famous Firsts" in all shapes and sizes. From football to fantasies, expect to see some creative takes on this year's Homecoming theme. During Saturday's parade, Maryville unites with the University to lend support to the exuberating school spirit that fills the weekend. So get ready to take a stroll through our own walk of fame.

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First act.

Campus groups take to the stage to kick off Homecoming Weekend. **See pages 4-6.**

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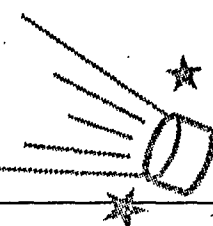
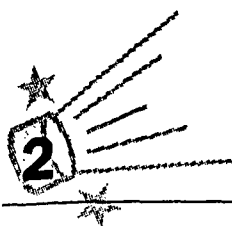
scenes. Meet the student directors of Homecoming 1997. **See pages 10-11.**

Remembering when.

Northwest spreads the welcome mat for alumni. **See pages 12-15.**

Bearcats vs.

Bearcats. See how the big Homecoming game shapes up. **See pages 16-17.**



Past Homecoming Themes

Here are the Northwest Homecoming themes for the past decade.

- 1996 - "Read All About It"
- 1995 - "Rockin' Through The Ages"
- 1994 - "Lights! Camera! Action!"
- 1993 - "The Wonderful World of Northwest"
- 1992 - "History Worth Repeating"
- 1991 - "All in the Family"
- 1990 - "One for the Books"
- 1989 - "Hooray for Hollywood"
- 1988 - "Fantasyland"
- 1987 - "TV Guide"

Looking for more information?

Visit the *Missourian* Online to see the extra touches that the Web can provide to Homecoming at Northwest. <http://www.nwmissouri.edu/missourian/>



Thursday, Oct. 16

- Variety Show, Mary Linn Performing Arts Center, 7 p.m. **stories pages 4-6**
- Midnight Breakfast, sponsored by Residence Hall Association, 'Cats Commons, 9:30-11:30 p.m., \$4.50.



Tim Kay/Chief Photographer
Members of Sigma Sigma Sigma work on their sorority's float for the Homecoming parade.

Calendar of Events

Friday, Oct. 17

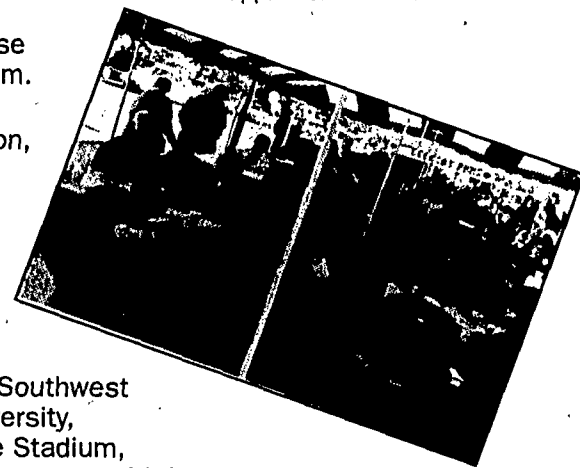
- Walkout Day - no classes
- Class of 1947 Golden Anniversary Reunion, Alumni House, 9 a.m.
- Class of 1947 Golden Anniversary luncheon, Student Union, noon
- All-Alumni Golf Outing, two-person scramble at Mzingo, shotgun start at noon.
- House Dec judging, 5 and 7 p.m. **map page 8**
- M-Club Hall of Fame Banquet, Union Ballroom, 6 p.m. **story page 14**
- Variety Show, Mary Linn, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 18

- Kegs and Eggs, The Outback, 7 a.m. until the parade.
- Donuts, coffee and juice, Alumni House, before the parade
- Parade, beginning at the Fine Arts Building, 9:30 a.m. **map page 9**
- All-Alumni Barbecue,

Alumni House Lawn, 11 a.m.

- Class of 1987 reunion, at the All-Alumni Barbecue, Alumni House, 11 a.m.
- Bearcat football vs. Southwest Baptist University, Rickenbrode Stadium, 2 p.m. **stories pages 16-17**
- Homecoming Awards, Rickenbrode Stadium, 5 p.m.
- Horace Mann College High Banquet, University Conference Center, 6 p.m.

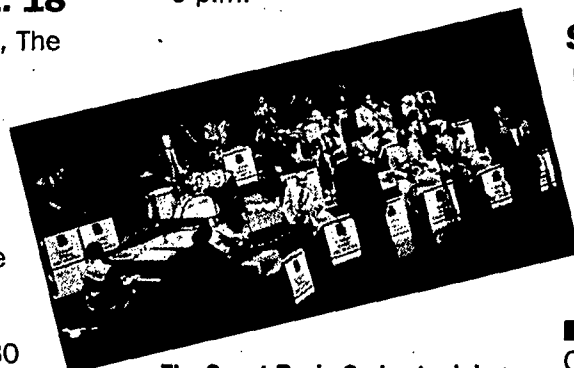


Former Northwest students and faculty attended last year's All-Alumni Barbecue on Homecoming.

- "Foster Presidential Years Alumni Reunion," Country Kitchen, 7 p.m. **story page 13**

Sunday, Oct. 19

- Pete Eye Trio Luncheon and Dance, University Conference Center, noon. **story page 19**
- Alumni softball game, new Bearcat softball field, 1 p.m.
- Count Basie Orchestra, Mary Linn, 3 p.m. **story page 19**



The Count Basie Orchestra brings its explosive style of jazz and swing to Northwest for a post-Homecoming performance.

Bobby Bearcat, cereal and toothbrushes: All the firsts are here

Sure, anybody can think of **SOME** famous firsts if they put their minds to it. But we've gone beyond the obvious firsts that you might see in the parade on Saturday or in the Variety Show tonight. Feast your eyes on this list of obscure (and not-so-obscure) famous firsts from Northwest and around the world.

At Northwest:

- Sept. 12, 1905 - First meeting of the Board of Regents
- 1907-08 - First student government

- May 15, 1906 - First books ordered for the library
- Aug. 6, 1906 - First commencement
- Oct. 22, 1915 - First Walkout Day
- 1917 - First edition of the *Tower* yearbook (although it wasn't printed again until 1922)
- Jan. 9, 1918 - The Stroller made his first appearance in the student newspaper, called *The Green and White Courier*
- Oct. 10, 1924 - First general Homecoming
- Sept. 27, 1926 - First edition of

- the *Northwest Missourian* (although a student newspaper had existed under other names, such as *The Green and White Courier* and *The Normal Index*)
- Sept. 11, 1928 - First Freshmen Orientation class meet
- Nov. 3, 1931 - First Hickory Stick — President Lamkin sent a hickory cane to Kirksville, saying that Northwest would be taking it back after the Bearcats had defeated the Bulldogs in football
- Nov. 12, 1931 - Northwest won the first Hickory Stick game
- Oct. 31, 1947 - A sculptured

- Bearcat made its first public appearance at Homecoming
- Aug. 4, 1948 - The Bell of '48 was given to the University by the graduating class
- Jan. 27, 1951 - First Tower King crowned

In General:

- 1066 - William of Orange conquered England (just a little nod to all those history teachers out there)
- 1088 - First clock is used
- 1350-1380 - First alarm clock
- 1498 - First toothbrush

- 1499 - First dictionary is printed (and is quickly ignored by most college students)
- 1605 - First Christmas tree
- January 1609 - First newspaper is printed
- March 2, 1717 - First ballet takes place
- 1843 - First cigarettes
- 1848 - First chewing gum
- 1893 - First breakfast cereal
- 1896 - First cinema
- Dec. 21, 1913 - First crossword puzzle appears
- 1938 - First ball-point pen

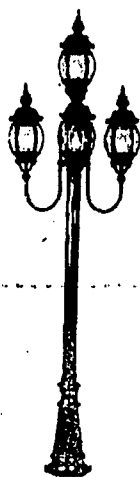


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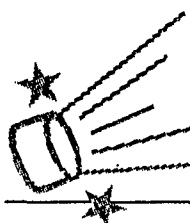
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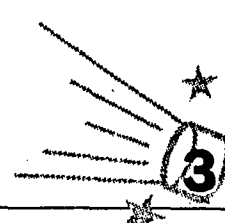


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Homecoming 1997

Famous Firsts

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First things first

Organizations discover unique ways to interpret Homecoming theme

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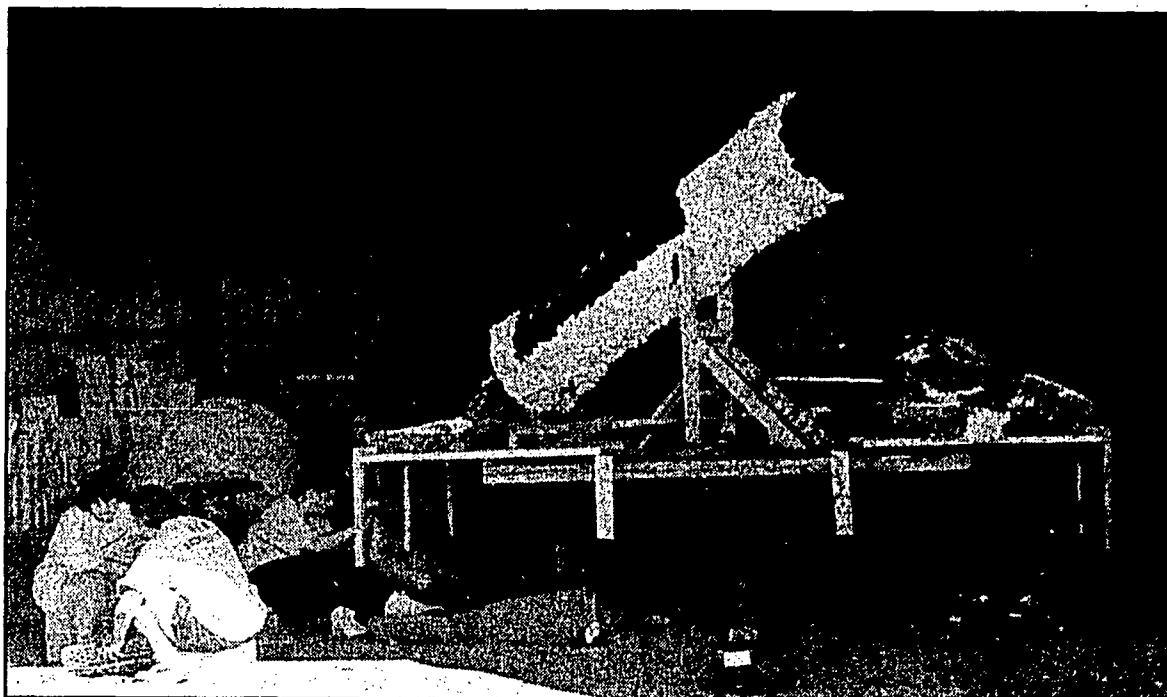
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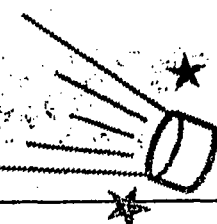
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Homecoming 1997 Variety Show

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First Act

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Variety Show Acts

Act One

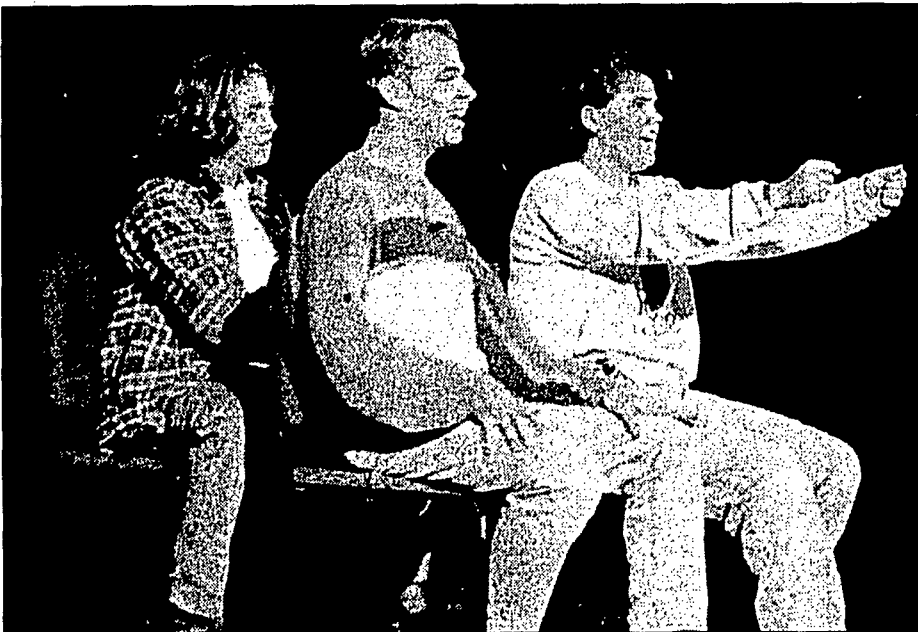
"The Robo-Bobby Follies" — Sigma Alpha Iota
"Foolish Games" — Maria Newquist
"The First Seven Days of Creation" — Phi Mu
"How Do I Live?" — Amy Guenther
"Bearcats' First National Championship" — Phi Sigma Kappa
"Paying the Cost to Be the Boss" — Maggie O'Riley
"Bobby Bearcat's First Date" — Alpha Sigma Alpha

Act Two

"Just for the Ladies" — Bearcat Steppers
"Bobby Goes to Mars" — Phi Mu Alpha
"Head Over Feet" — Courtney Yeager
"Bob and Dean's First Excellent Adventure" — Delta Zeta
"Leave it to Bobby" — Tau Kappa Epsilon
"For the First Time" — Jeremy Browning
"Muppets Take Maryville" — Sigma Phi Epsilon

Masters of Ceremonies

Jerry Nevins
Sarah Derks
Jen Brandt



ABOVE For their skit, members of the Phi Mu sorority perform "The First Seven Days of Creation" at the Variety Show Wednesday.

LEFT As the first of the olio acts to perform in the Variety Show Wednesday, Maria Newquist sings "Foolish Games."

Homecoming MCs Jen Brandt, Jerry Nevins and Sarah Derks do a parody of a car ride from St. Joseph to Maryville in the Variety Show Wednesday. Between the scheduled acts, the trio put on acts of their own, constantly playing off the audience for laughs.

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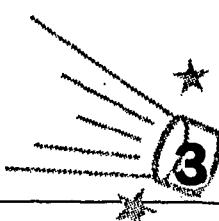
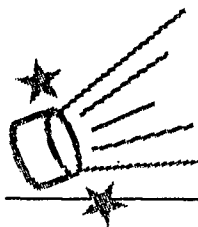


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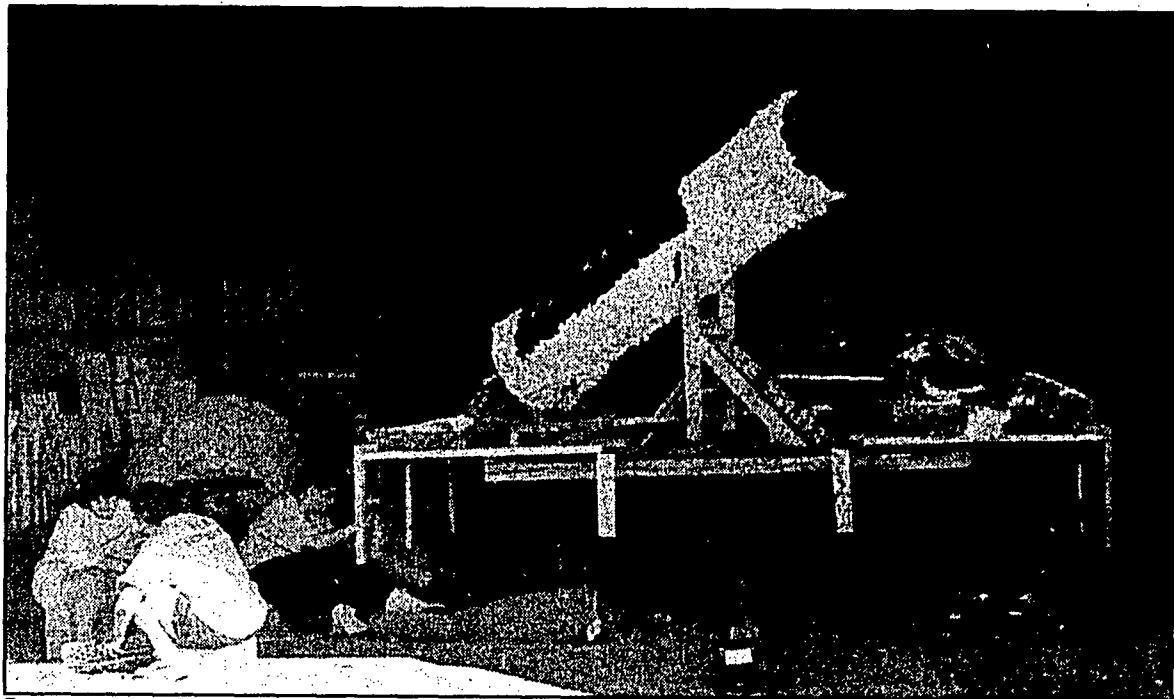
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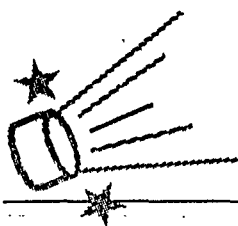
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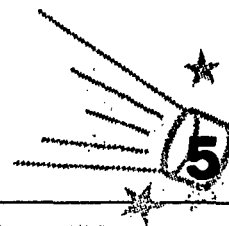
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Homecoming 1997 Variety Show



preparations go into pulling off an ensemble of performances

by Heather Alnge
Missourian Staff

Months of planning and writing, tough decisions and weeks of long grueling practices all boil down to one night and one question — is it funny?

As the Variety Show kicks off Homecoming, Northwest and Maryville can finally see what the campus has poured its heart into for the past few months.

Dave Catherall, Homecoming co-director, said the decisions that the panel makes as to who makes it and who doesn't are fairly simple.

"If they are funny, they make it," Catherall said. "It gives students the opportunity to show their talent that they might not otherwise get to."

Appearances in the Homecoming Variety Show take a great deal of time and preparation on the part of the Homecoming committee and the part of the talent.

Competition is one of the biggest things all the people involved in the acts are facing.

"There are more people involved this year and this really makes it competitive," said Becky Bollinger, Phi Mu member. "They dropped over half of the acts trying out. It makes me worry about the competition for supremacy."

The time spent on preparation for tryouts is immense and varies from group to group.

"Two of my brothers started writing it this summer," said Adam Drogemuehler, Alpha Sigma Iota member. "We have been working together since the second week of school. I love the competition because it makes people work harder and the skits and acts are better."

Many hours have been spent on preparations this year because of the famous firsts theme.

"We have put a lot more hours

in this year preparing because the theme is so hard, you have to make everything a first," Bollinger said. "We have worked at least 80 to 100 hours on preparation, and that doesn't include the hours that will be spent on the week of Homecoming in rehearsals."

After the long hours and repetition of practices, the members of the Variety Show are still going strong.

"Sometimes I really get sick of the practicing, but everyone helps to motivate everyone else," Bollinger said. "It is a team experience, not individual, and once you realize this you work a lot harder for the team."

The process of becoming part of the Variety Show begins with submitting an idea for an act. Ideas for this year's show were due Sept. 22. The next step was

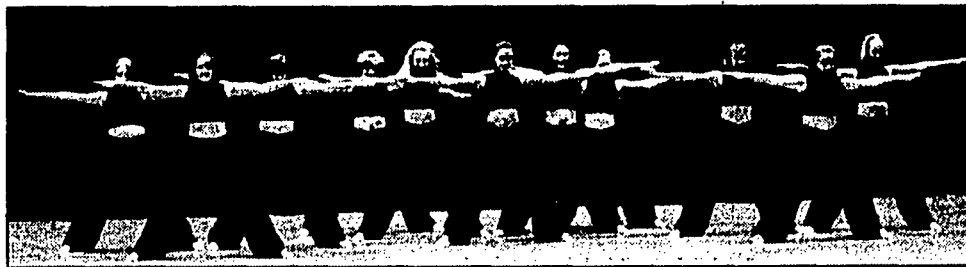
to submit a script, which the Homecoming committee read before the auditions. Auditions took place over two nights.

All auditions are performed before a panel of judges. The panel includes representatives from the Homecoming committee, Variety Show committee, Resident Hall

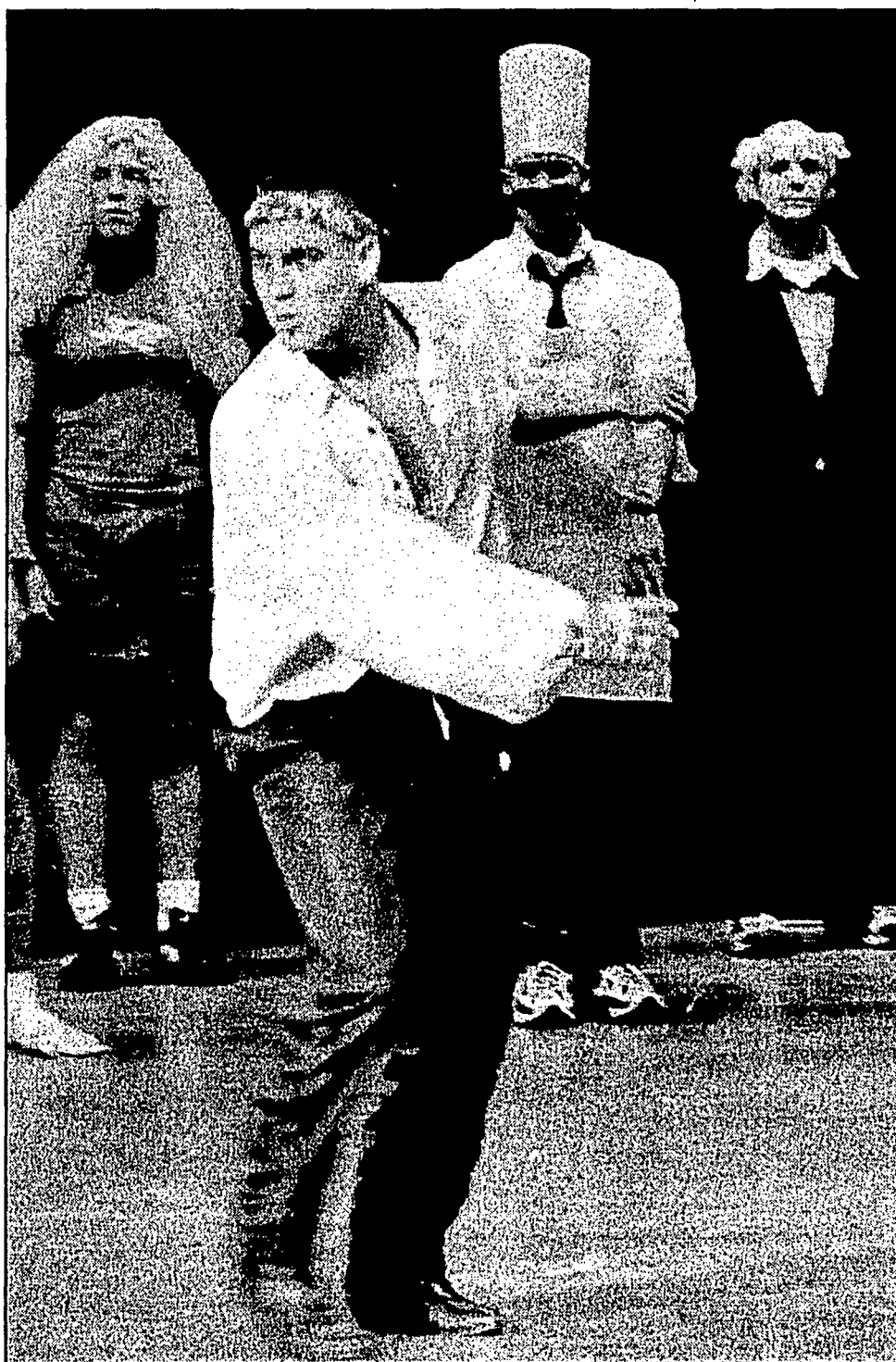
Association, the dean of students and the assistant dean of students.

This year's masters of ceremonies are Jerry Nevins, Jen Brandt and Sarah Derks. Olio acts will include Jeremy Browning, Maria Newquist, Maggie O'Riley, Amy Guenther, Courtney Yeager, Sheri Howard and the Bearcat Steppers.

On Oct. 6 skit tryouts took place. The skits will include Phi Mu, Delta Zeta, Alpha Sigma Alpha, Tau Kappa Epsilon, Sigma Alpha Iota, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Phi Sigma Kappa and Phi Mu Alpha.



The Bearcat Steppers perform "Just for the Ladies" to kick off the second act of the Variety Show Wednesday night.



Doing an impression of Michael Flatley of Lord of the Dance fame, Brian Starkey steps up to the front of the Sigma Phi Epsilon skit at the Variety Show Wednesday. The Sig Eps' skit was the final act of the evening, and a few minutes after leaving the stage, Starkey returned to be crowned 1997 Homecoming King.

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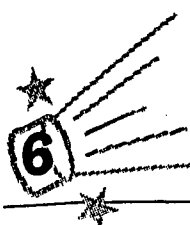
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Royal reception

King and Queen for 1997 begin their reign after being crowned during the Variety Show



Chris Pavallis

1997 Homecoming Queen

Chris Pavallis is a senior public relations major from Omaha, Neb. She is a member of Sigma Sigma Sigma, Order of Omega, Student Ambassadors, PRSSA, Blue Key, Lambda Pi Eta, and she has also been involved with Student Senate, the *Northwest Missourian* and has served on the Student/Faculty Discipline Committee. She is sponsored by Sigma Sigma Sigma.



Brian Starkey

1997 Homecoming King

Brian Starkey is a senior public relations major from Bellevue, Neb. He has been a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon, Student Ambassadors, Student Senate, Inter-Fraternity Council, Our Chapter Our Choice, RTNDA, KDLX X-106 and the *Northwest Missourian*. He is sponsored by Sigma Phi Epsilon.



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At the end of the Variety Show Wednesday, 1996 Homecoming Queen and King Mercedes Ramirez and David Zwank present 1997 Queen Chris Pavallis,

sponsored by Sigma Sigma Sigma, with her crown and bouquet of flowers. Pavallis' escort, Brian Starkey, sponsored by Sigma Phi Epsilon, was named King.

The Homecoming court



Kelly Ferguson



Christopher Fisher



Neil Neumeyer



Evan Polly

Although only one king and one queen are crowned each Homecoming, the eight other finalists serve on the Homecoming court. Here are the finalists.

KING CANDIDATES

• **Kelly Ferguson** is a senior marketing/management major from Clarinda, Iowa. He is the president of Inter-Fraternity Council, executive vice president of Student Senate, a member of Student Ambassadors, a peer adviser, a member of Delta Sigma Phi, the American Marketing Association, Mortar Board, Order of Omega, Cardinal Key, Delta Mu Delta and Alpha Chi academic honor society. He is sponsored by Delta Sigma Phi.

• **Christopher Fisher** is a junior piano performance major from Carrollton. He is a director of music in Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, a member of Phi Eta Sigma, Northwest Celebration (pianist), Music Educators National Conference and his is the president of Tower Choir. He is sponsored by Sigma Alpha Iota.

• **Neil Neumeyer** is a senior public relations major from Bennington, Neb. He has been a member of Kappa Sigma, the Northwest Forensics Team, United Methodist Campus Ministry, Yuletide Feasts (king), PRSSA, Campus Crusade for Christ, Order of Omega and Pi Beta Alpha. He is sponsored by Kappa Sigma.

• **Evan Polly** is a senior marketing/management major from New Bloomfield. He is a member of Student Ambassadors, Mortar Board, Inter-Fraternity Council, American Marketing Association and Tau Kappa Epsilon. He is sponsored by Student Ambassadors.

QUEEN CANDIDATES

• **Rachel Kuzma** is a senior molecular biology major from Minneapolis. She is a member of Phi Eta Sigma (secretary), Alpha Sigma Alpha, Beta Beta Beta, Cardinal Key, Mortar Board and Alpha Chi. She is sponsored by Alpha Sigma Alpha.

• **Tiffany Leever** is a senior vocal music education major from Washington, Iowa. She is a member

of Northwest Celebration, Tower Choir, University Chorale, Sigma Alpha Iota, Music Educators National Conference and Student Ambassadors. She is sponsored by Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia.

• **Marisa Sanchez** is a junior middle school, Spanish/language arts major from Kansas City. She is the student representative to the Board of Regents, a member of Phi Mu, Blue Key, Order of Omega, Strategic Planning Council, Team Leadership, Hispanic American Leadership Organization and Phi Sigma Iota. She is sponsored by Phi Mu.

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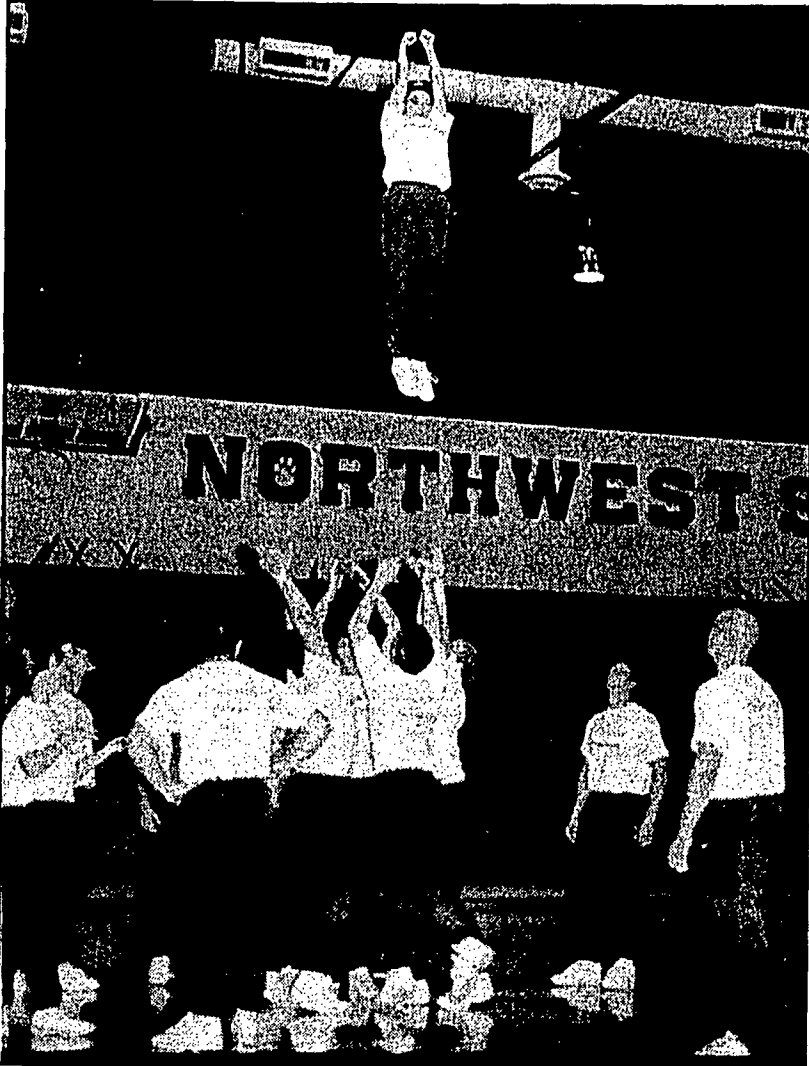
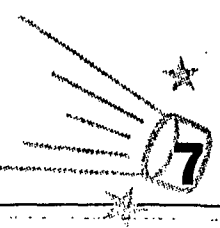
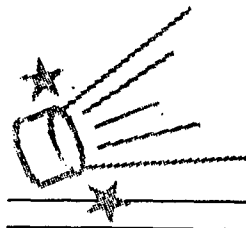
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Bearcat cheerleaders perform their routine to pump up the crowd at the Bearcat Bash Tuesday in Lamkin Gym. The pep rally replaced the Ash Bash, which traditionally took place after the Thursday Variety Show.

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Kicking it off with a Bash

■ Replacing traditional Ash Bash, Bearcat Bash pumps up school spirit

by Christy Chesnut
Features Editor

Cheers, chants and spirited music brought Bearcat Arena to life Tuesday night at the first-ever Bearcat Bash.

The Northwest fall athletes gathered in the arena, along with their supporters, to begin the Homecoming week festivities.

The event was adapted from the Ash Bash, which kicked off Northwest Homecomings in past years.

The Ash Bash consisted of a bonfire and usually took place on a Thursday.

Kyle Niemann, the coordinator of this year's event, said the changes were made to bring the event to a central location and draw a larger crowd.

"We were trying to get more participation from campus," Niemann said. "We want to get everyone involved, not just the Greeks."

The pep rally began at 9 p.m. in Bearcat Arena and lasted less than



Tim Kay/Chief Photographer

Bobby Bearcat relaxes on a fan during the Bearcat Bash Tuesday evening. Bobby was one of several performers at the event, which was intended to spark school spirit before the Homecoming weekend.

an hour. It included performances from the Bearcat Cheerleaders and Steppers and a visit from Bobby Bearcat.

Coaches of the men's and women's cross country teams, volleyball team and women's soccer team introduced their players to put faces to their names and get supporters enthused about the upcoming weekend.

"It really got me pumped and excited for Homecoming," said Jessica Courtney, president of the women's soccer team. "It was great to see everyone get together and

have fun."

Mel Tjeerdsmas, head football coach, introduced the senior players on the team.

Starting quarterback Chris Greisen also gave a pep talk, thanking the fans for their support and spreading a positive attitude throughout the crowd.

"I just hope Bobby (Bearcat) is getting a little bit stronger with all the points we are going to score," Greisen said at the rally.

Besides team introductions, prizes were awarded to the winners of several contests that occurred throughout

the week. The winners of the chili contest were the men of Dieterich Hall and the banner contest winner was the Residence Hall Association.

The co-winners of the scavenger hunt Tuesday were Kappa Kappa Psi and Dieterich Hall.

The scavenger hunt helped raise money for the United Way and the First United Methodist Church food bank.

While the event was a success for the teams involved, a smaller number of supporters attended than were expected, Niemann said.



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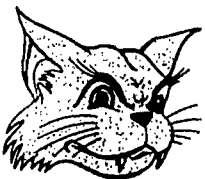
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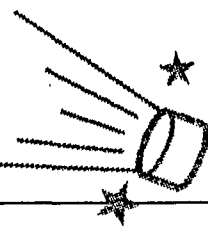


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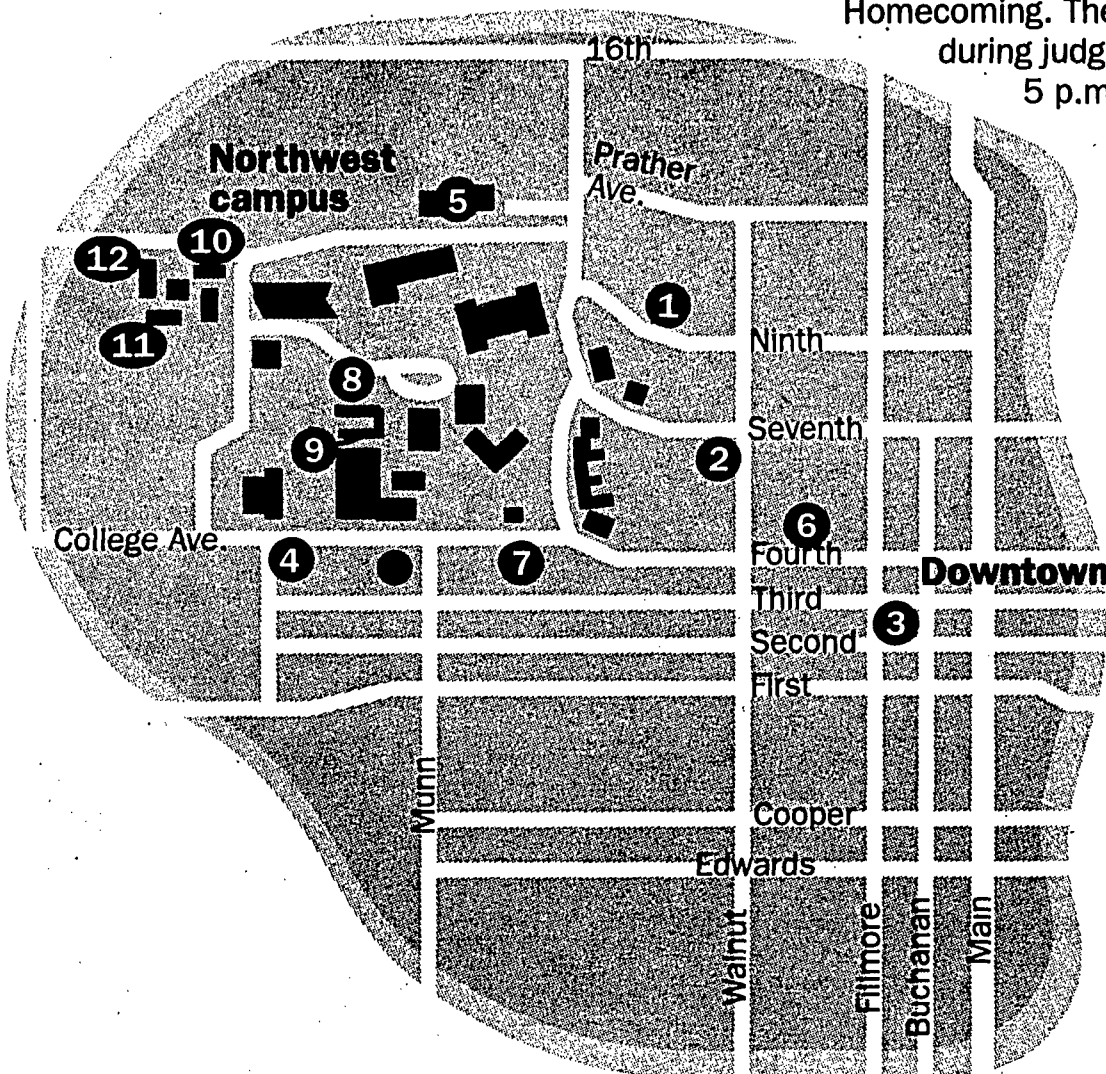
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Take a tour of the house decorations

Here's your guide to the campus organizations that have constructed house decs for Homecoming. The best time to view them is during judging, which takes place at 5 p.m. Friday.

- 1 Alpha Sigma Alpha and Tau Kappa Epsilon — "First World's Fair," Ninth and Walnut streets
- 2 Phi Mu and Delta Sigma Phi — "Man on the Moon," 622 N. Walnut St.
- 3 Sigma Sigma Sigma and Delta Chi — "Star Wars," 219 W. Second St.
- 4 Sigma Kappa and Phi Sigma Kappa — "Discovery of America," 940 College Ave.
- 5 Alpha Tau Alpha — "Bobby Bearcat's First Farm," Ag. Education Center
- 6 Baptist Student Union — "The First Commandment," 401 W. Fourth St.



- 7 International Students Organization — "The World Comes to Northwest," 718 W. College Ave.
- 8 North Complex — "Horror Movies"
- 9 South Complex — "First Cartoon Characters"
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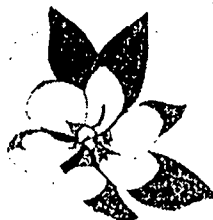
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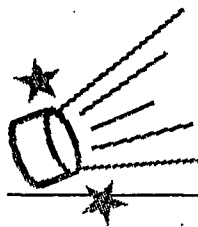
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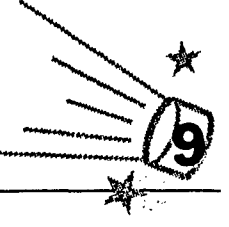


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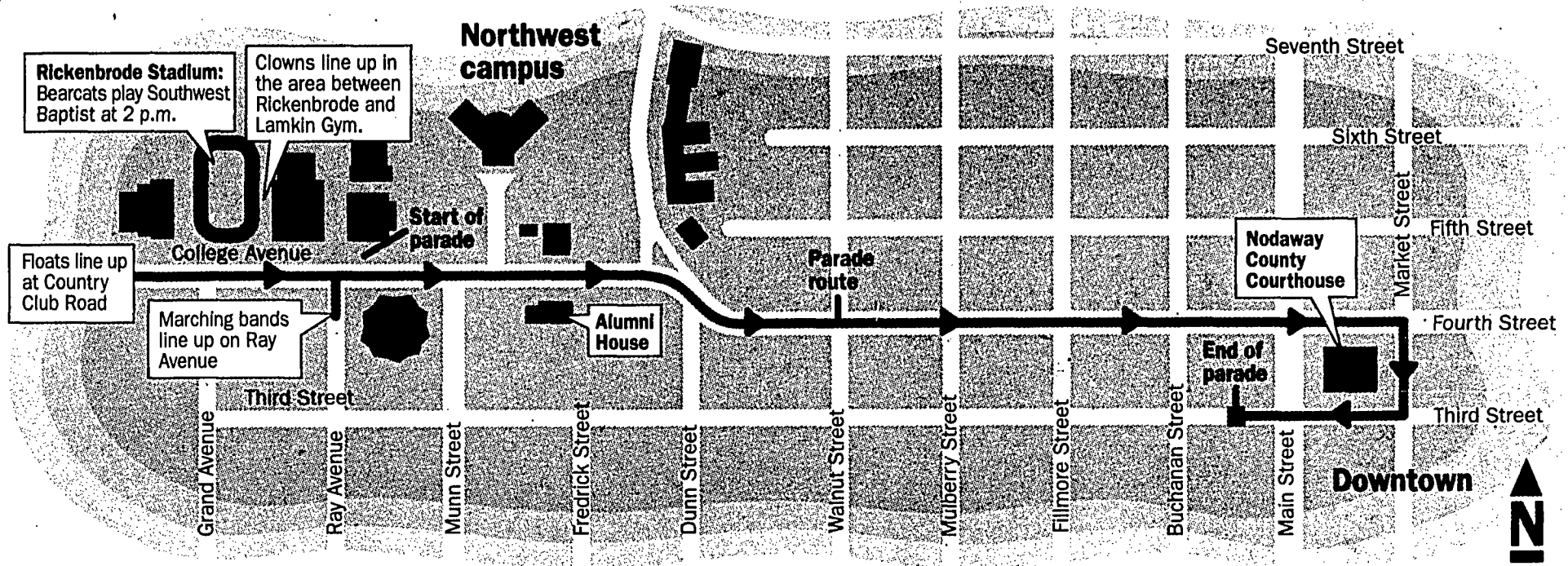
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The Walk of Fame



From cavemen to Coca-Cola, here's how it all lines up

The following are the groups that will appear in Saturday's Homecoming parade, along with the title of their entries.

Floats

Highly Competitive Category

Sigma Kappa and Sigma Phi Epsilon — First Flight Around the World

Delta Zeta — First Man on the Moon

Alpha Sigma Alpha and Tau Kappa Epsilon — Bobby Bearcat and the Statue of Liberty

Phi Mu and Delta Sigma Phi — Baby Bearcats' First Steps

Sigma Sigma Sigma and Alpha Gamma Rho — Dinosaurs

Phi Sigma Kappa — First Steam Engine

Competitive Category

Kappa Sigma and Sigma Society — First Night Baseball Game

Horace Mann Student Council — Bobby Armstrong and the Horace Mann Bearcubs

Maryville Headstart — First Thanksgiving

Support Staff Council — First Successful Pelletizing Plant in Missouri

Baptist Student Union and International Students Organization — The First Commandment

Mini-floats

Sorority

Delta Zeta — First Hot Air Balloon

Alpha Sigma Alpha — Garden of Eden

Phi Mu — First Airplane

Sigma Sigma Sigma — First Steam Engine

Sigma Kappa — First Coca-Cola

Fraternity

Phi Sigma Kappa — First Loaf of Sliced Bread

Tau Kappa Epsilon — First Godzilla

Delta Chi — First Star Wars

Delta Sigma Phi — Discovery of Electricity

Jalopy

Tau Kappa Epsilon — Batmobile

Phi Sigma Kappa — First Woodstock

Student Ambassadors — car

Missouri Army National Guard — Hum-Vee and Howitzer

Tiny Tots — Twirlers

Delta Chi — Rocky

Alpha Gamma Rho — Model T

American Marketing Association — car

KNWT — car and TV camera

KDLX — car and radio

Hudson Hall Council — Kazoo Band

Sigma Phi Epsilon — ALS Teeter Totter

Residence Hall Association — car and First Bobby Bearcat

Sigma Alpha — First Woman to Fly

Fellowship of Christian Athletes — Ed Sullivan's Famous Firsts

United Way — car

Beta Sigma Phi — car

Student Senate — car

North Hall Council — First Horror Movies

Alumni House — parade horse

Pomped Clowns

Sorority

Sigma Sigma Sigma — Sheep Cloning, Coca-Cola

Phi Mu — Elvis, Dinosaurs

Delta Zeta — Discovery of Electricity, Plymouth Rock

Alpha Sigma Alpha — First Kiss, Fast Food

Sigma Kappa — Super Bowl, Chicken or the Egg

Fraternity

Tau Kappa Epsilon — First Godzilla, First King Kong

Phi Sigma Kappa — First Toothbrush and Toothpaste, First Stick of Deodorant

Delta Sigma Phi — Harlem Globetrotters

Delta Chi — Mickey and Minnie Mouse

Independent

Sigma Society — First Candies

Tau Phi Upsilon — Berlin Wall

Paper Mache Clowns

Sorority

Phi Mu — Snow White, Evil Queen, Prince, Star Wars

Delta Zeta — Steamboat Willie, Dinosaurs

Alpha Sigma Alpha — Astronauts, First Family

Sigma Kappa — Toy Story, Fantasia

Fraternity

Tau Kappa Epsilon — Composers, Jackie Robinson

Phi Sigma Kappa — Cloned Sheep, Fire, Wheel, Caveman

Delta Sigma Phi — First Pro Wrestlers

Independent

Tau Phi Upsilon — World Wide Web

Sigma Society — James Brown, Rocky

Costume Clowns

Sorority

Delta Zeta — First Toys, Ameri-

can Patriots

Alpha Sigma Alpha — The Three Stooges, First Olympics

Phi Mu — Mickey Mouse Club, Seven Dwarfs

Sigma Sigma Sigma — Adam and Eve, Tiger Woods and Caddy

Sigma Kappa — Steps and Words, Gone With the Wind

Fraternity

Tau Kappa Epsilon — Superman, Wonder Woman and Green

Lantern, First Women's Baseball Team

Phi Sigma Kappa — First Down, WNBA

Sigma Phi Epsilon — New World Order (wrestling)

Independent

Tau Phi Upsilon — Mobile Phone

Student Support Services — Model T

Christian Campus House — Adam and Eve

Sigma Society — First Road Race

Bearcat Sweethearts — Presidents' Wives

Sigma Alpha — American Bandstand

North Complex — First Horror Movie Characters

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BEHIND the scenes



"The best part is on Saturday or the nights of the Variety Show, when everything that the organizations have worked hard on is passing by."

Brenda Mohling

Homecoming directors work their magic on Northwest's biggest weekend

"There's nothing better than Homecoming ... It's like going out on that first date. I kind of have that relationship with Homecoming."

Dave Catherall



by Jennifer Simler
Features Editor

She is one of the most important people behind the scenes for Homecoming 1997. Thanks to her energetic attitude, whatever Brenda Mohling dedicates herself to always seems to have a successful outcome. Now she's betting that track record will work with Homecoming.

Mohling accepted the challenge, along with David Catherall, to be one of the Overall Homecoming directors for 1997. The two full-time students have one of the biggest traditions resting on their shoulders.

So, why would someone want all that responsibility?

"I'm really proud to do it," Mohling said. "I think it's a big honor. It's teaching me a lot about organization and being a leader. It's a very, very big honor. It's also making me work with different people and I think that is helping me."

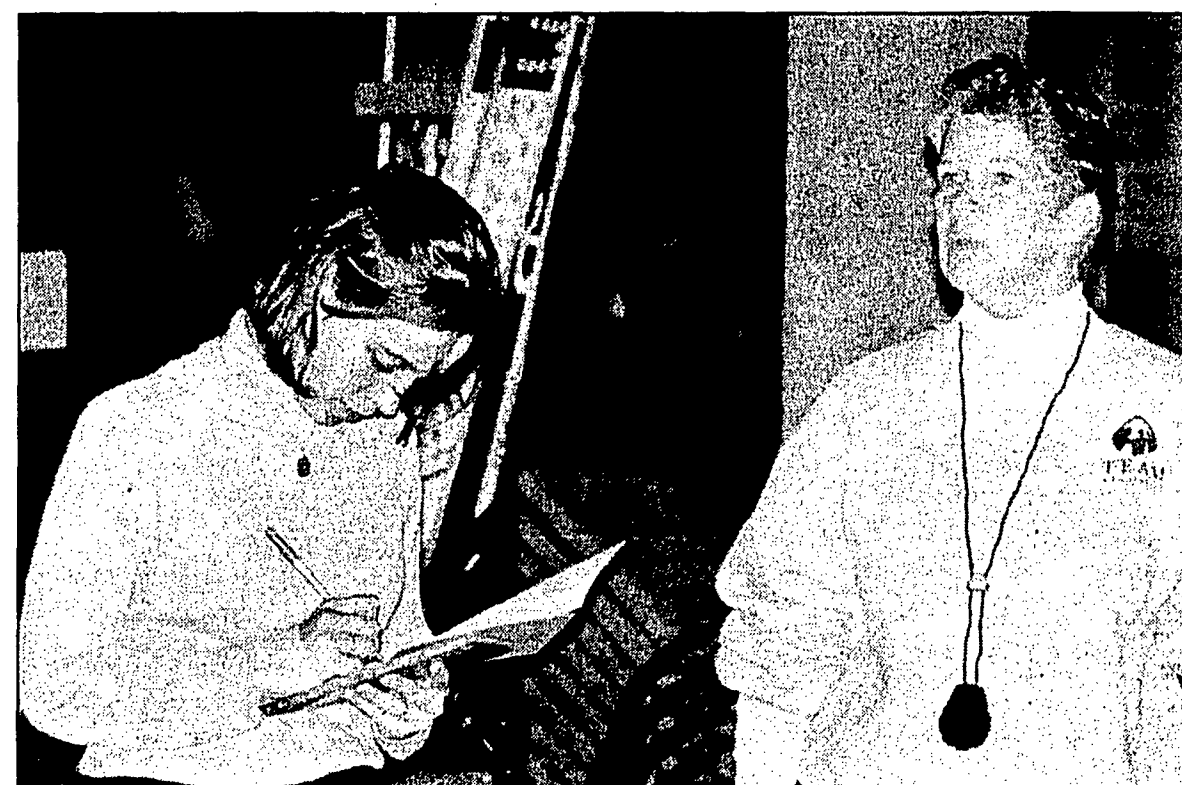
With the utmost respect coming from many of her peers, Brenda is also very respected among faculty. Bryan Vanosdale, director of campus activities, works directly with the Homecoming directors and with Mohling in other organizations.

"Brenda was on the board that hired me," Vanosdale said. "I didn't know she was a student. I thought she was a full-time employee with some big title. She carries herself very on top of things. She doesn't give the impression of a student."

Along with her professional and responsible attitude, Brenda is an enthusiastic person whose character is bounded with energy.

"She's like a tornado; she can cover so much area with so much energy," Vanosdale said. "I don't know how she does all she does. She almost wears me out. I did nothing in college compared to her. She has a genuine concern with the campus and the things the campus does."

Mohling admitted that she's nervous and proud to be organizing Homecoming for Northwest, but it has its ups and downs.



Backstage before the Variety Show Wednesday, Brenda Mohling, left, signs a birthday card for Sarah Derks, one of the show's masters of ceremony, as Denise Ottinger helps with final preparations for the show.

"The worst part is being criticized," Mohling said. "But, the best part is on Saturday or the nights of the Variety Show, when everything that the organizations have worked hard on is passing by. I'll be proud again and again. Even though we (Mohling and Catherall) didn't directly have anything to do with it, we helped put it together, I'll be proud."

Vanosdale and Kent Porterfield, assistant vice president of student affairs, agreed that Mohling is a definite leader at the University.

One of the biggest tasks Mohling had to face was being new to the big position of Homecoming director, unlike Catherall, who was one of the directors last year.

"Brenda is the type of person you don't have to do much work or coaching," Porterfield said. "She's

real competent and picks up quickly."

Vanosdale said even though she is new, she's no rookie.

"She really stepped forward, taking the bulls by the horns," Vanosdale said. "She gives the impression of being a very seasoned Homecoming chair."

One of the hardest parts for Mohling was working with her peers. When problems arose, Mohling was frequently on the list to call to handle and solve the problem, even if it wasn't the answer they were expecting.

She was also the one who received the phone calls when someone was unhappy.

"Everyone can take criticism from parents or teachers, but hearing from your peers is different," Mohling said. "I've learned you just

have to do your job, and do it the best you can, under all different circumstances."

The day of Homecoming, the big showdown, is now on the horizon, and everything that Mohling and Catherall have been working on for many months is finally making its debut.

For Mohling, it will be "pure hell," she said smiling. "It'll be really chaotic and I'll be running everywhere getting things done, but I'll still be really proud of all the organizations and all the hard work."

The one thing about Homecoming day that Mohling is disappointed about is that she'll have to miss the football game because she and Catherall will be tallying the scores.

"I'll miss my senior year Homecoming football game," Mohling said. "I love to watch the football games."

Even after the Homecoming festivities are over, there is another tradition that is specially catered to the current Homecoming chairmen: The old Homecoming directors return and buy the new ones a shot Saturday night after all the festivities are over.

"I'm looking forward to seeing Ann Sliger coming back and buying me a shot of whatever," Mohling said. "I'll probably be so tired I won't be able to even hold the shot."

Once Mohling wakes up Sunday morning, her schedule will take a big turn. She doesn't know exactly how she will feel, but one word definitely stuck out in her mind.

"Relieved," she said. "But then I don't know what I'll have to do."

Mohling's Corner

Name: Brenda Ann Mohling
Hometown: Hastings, Neb.
Population: 23,000
Birthday: Feb. 13, 1976
Family: one older sister, Angie
High school: Hastings Senior High
Favorite music: All kinds

Favorite class: Geography with Don Hagan — "Isn't that everyone's favorite class?" Mohling said.
Activities: Phi Mu, Our Chapter Our Choice, Panhellenic, Overall Homecoming Royalty Co-Director, Overall Homecoming Co-Director

Brenda and Dave are very different individuals who made it to leave their responsibilities behind. I knew that if I would be because of Brenda and make it in my own way.

by Jamie Hatz
Editor in Chief

Although you can't see his baton, Dave Catherall is the conductor of the biggest symphony of events in Northwest's school year.

As Homecoming co-director, he is responsible for coordinating the entire campus so that Wednesday night at 7 p.m. everything starts on time, in pitch and in step.

While it may seem easy to imitate a conductor, it truly takes a bit of magic in that wand of his to pull off Homecoming.

"I guess it's somewhat of a love-hate relationship," said Catherall, vocal music education major. "It's one of those things that while it's going on you complain about it and you talk about how busy you are, but when it's over you miss it."

Catherall is working on his second Homecoming masterpiece, and another part of his magic is bringing everyone's work together.

As he stands in front of organizing Northwest's Homecoming the pressure from the audience increases.

"There is a pressure to a certain extent, but I try to let it slide off me as much as possible," Catherall said. "The pressure that I feel is the pressure I put upon myself to say, 'If I am going to be doing this, then I want to make it the best possible.'"

Catherall began making preparations for Homecoming last spring.

Catherall's Corner

Full name: David Alan Catherall
Birthday: Oct. 8, 1974
Hometown: Bellevue, Neb.
Siblings: one older sister, Christa
High school: Bellevue West High

School Major: Vocal music education
Graduation: May 1998
Favorite TV show: "M.A.S.H."
Favorite music: The Who



Dave Catherall, student co-director for Homecoming, goes over last-minute details before Wednesday's Variety Show. This is the second year Catherall has served as Homecoming co-director.

last year that I never expected — Dave Gieseke," Catherall said. "Even though he's older than I am, I consider him a close friend, and he always probably will be."

Gieseke said knowing that people like Catherall and Mohling would be in charge of Homecoming made it easier for him to let it go.

"Both Brenda and Dave are very talented individuals which made it easier to leave the responsibility of Homecoming behind," Gieseke said. "I do admit that I miss it, but I knew they both had the experience and could handle it. I knew the tradition

of Homecoming would continue because Dave and Brenda would maintain that and make Homecoming what it is — I knew I was leaving it in capable hands."

Big events such as Homecoming are magical events that still bring feelings of stagefright.

"I still get nervous, but I love it — there's nothing better than Homecoming," Catherall said. "Being a performer, I guess I've gotten somewhat addicted to that feeling and every time you get on stage you get that little tingle. It's like going out on that first date. I kind of have that

relationship with Homecoming." Being addicted to Homecoming helps Catherall recall two important memories of the big day.

"There are two times when it feels like that," Catherall said. "It's right before Wednesday's opening night of the Variety Show. I'll be backstage and I'll walk up and down the side of the outside of the theater and see everyone file in. It's kind of a buzzing in the air and the show starts and it's fun and new to everybody."

Catherall's other favorite time of Homecoming is early Saturday morning before the parade starts.

"This sounds kind of weird, but in three years I have never slept on Friday night," Catherall said. "I just stay up all night and I take a shower early in the morning and drive by ASAP for a big Mountain Dew or coffee. It is beautiful out and it's early in the morning and it's kind of like the calm weather before the storm."

"It's that anticipation that makes it fun," Catherall said. "It's not always the event that is the greatest thing, it's the working up to the event, it's the whole process. And it's there, at that point, when you're there that morning when you're wondering if everything is going to go off all right. And it does, it always does, but you still get little butterflies in your stomach."

Essentially, Homecoming is about alumni coming home, and Catherall looks forward to when he can pass the baton to someone else.

"I can see myself calling a couple of my friends that I pledged my fraternity with and saying hey let's go back to Northwest this year," he said. "We would come back for a couple of days and see the Variety Show."

After years of devotion and dedication, Catherall will end an era of great Homecoming performances.

"Every alumni I have ever talked to thinks it's great we still do it," he said. "It means so much to the community and the alumni. I hope people are still doing this in 10 years so I can come back and appreciate it."

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So, you think nothing much changes at the old alma mater once you graduate, right? Especially not in the first year after you get that diploma, right? Wrong.

The beginning of the 1997-98 school year has seen dramatic changes in the makeup of Northwest's administrative lineup. Here's your guide to who's new, who's gone and who's leaving.

Who's Gone

For those alumni who haven't touched base with Northwest since last Homecoming, here's a quick wrap-up of what happened last spring: Dave Gieseke, the director of news and information, and Carole Gieseke, director of publications, left their jobs with the University to take positions in Pella, Iowa, and at Iowa State University, respectively.

This summer another member of that office — Rocco Gasparro, sports information director — resigned as well.

Northwest sports also lost familiar face over the summer when Ron DeShon, women's cross country coach, resigned from his position.

Who's New

Two people were hired to fill Dave Gieseke's position. Ken White, former Northwest mass communication instructor, was named the director of news and information. White's new position left a gap in the mass communication department, but it has been filled



Bryan Vanosdale

by instructor Ken Wilkie.

Bryan Vanosdale was hired as the director of campus activities, which fills another area that Gieseke covered. Vanosdale also serves as the adviser for Campus Activity Programmers.

Vanosdale took his new job at Northwest about three weeks before school started. His other duties include working with Encore



Andy Seeley

performances and Greek life and being the Homecoming adviser.

Vanosdale came to Northwest from Tennessee Tech in Knoxville, Tenn. He said he was drawn by the smaller enrollment here and the job's opportunities.

"I really liked the job description," Vanosdale told the *Missourian*. "I thought I would be a good addition to the staff."

The new sports information director is a Northwest graduate who returned to his roots to fill the void left by Gasparro. Andy Seeley took over that job at the beginning of the school year.

Seeley gained experience covering Northwest and Maryville sports from his work at the *Maryville Daily Forum* and from four years as a student assistant SID at Northwest.

"I am thrilled to be back at Northwest," Seeley told the *Missourian*. "I have been working to get back here. It has been my goal since I decided what I wanted to do with my career."

Taking over as interim women's cross country coach is Bud Williams, who replaces DeShon. Williams brings 14 years of experience as a high school and junior high cross country and track coach. He came out of retirement to take the position at Northwest.

Who's Leaving

As of press time, three Northwest administrators — including a

member of the Board of Regents — have announced their resignations, and a professor with more than 30 years of experience announced his retirement.

Pat Foster-Kamara resigned as director of multicultural affairs in September, effective Sept. 30.

She accepted a position as the director of African-American Cultural House at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. One of her reasons for leaving Northwest was the opportunity to pursue a doctoral degree in educational administration at UMKC.

However, her daily meetings with Northwest's minority and international students left strong memories.

"I've done my best for my students," Foster-Kamara told the *Missourian*. "Because they are the best. They have made me work here for four and a half years."

Denise Ottinger announced her resignation Sept. 17 from her position as vice president of student affairs, effective Oct. 31.

In seven years at the University, Ottinger had moved up to becoming a member of the President's Cabinet, but a job near her hometown in Michigan is what called her away. She will be the dean of student services at West Shores Community College in Scottville, Mich.

"My history of staying at a job is two to three years because I become bored, but with this place there is always something new, and I never felt in a rut," Ottinger told the *Missourian*.

At the beginning of this month, Jane Brown, a six-year member of the Board of Regents,

left the group because she wanted to spend more time with her family and needed to devote more attention to her job as a Clay County Court judge.

Brown had asked to resign in January, but the state government needed her to stay at that time. Gov. Mel Carnahan must now appoint a replacement to the Board.

"She is tremendous," University President Dean Hubbard told the *Missourian*. "She is very intelligent. She was a great participant in the deliberation of the Board."

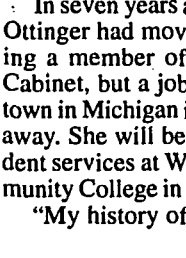
A professors with a long history at Northwest announced earlier this

fall that he would retire at the end of the school year.

English professor Virgil Albertini will leave Northwest after more than 30 years. He serves not only as an instructor, but also as the faculty representative to the MIAA for Northwest.

"I've been very lucky," he told the *Missourian*. "I've got two loves — the classroom and working with the athletic aspect of the University."

Albertini is taking an active role in the search for his replacement. He said he wants to make sure the English department will be able to find someone who can take over his duties in training high school and middle school English teachers.



Virgil Albertini



Denise Ottinger

month, Jane Brown, a six-year member of the Board of Regents,

Things have changed a bit since some of you graduated. Here's a quick refresher course to who's who and who's new at Northwest

Welcome back — now listen up

Some friendly tips for first-time alumni

First off, understand that everything that follows is from a fifth-year senior — the few, the proud, the bitter.

Starting this school year was more of a

challenge than I had expected because I didn't realize how darn lonely I was going to be without all my original classmates here.

See, they graduated in May, and slowpoke here took her time with the whole taking classes thing.

With that in mind, I would like to offer some tips to those brand-new, gainfully employed, older-and-wiser, first-time-back alumni who have joined us for their first post-graduation Homecoming.

1. Don't spend every waking minute this weekend at the Pub — you did that enough when you were an undergraduate. Why don't you actually GO to those alumni events and see what it's like to be on the other side? Then you can report back to us your findings. Trust me, we're all kinda curious.

2. As much as you can, please refrain from talking ad nauseam about your job, which I'm sure pays a helluva lot more than I'm making. The border between being proud of you and being jealous of you is slimmer than Southwest Baptist's chances of winning.

3. Don't try to act like you are back in school. You're grown now (much to the surprise of your parents and former classmates) — don't regress after a few beers.

Actually, I'm thrilled to get to see everyone again. Maybe for one weekend I won't feel like some old fogey on campus.

Of course, it all depends upon how many drinks my employed friends are willing to buy for me.

Colleen Cooke is a slightly bitter senior who's very ready to graduate.

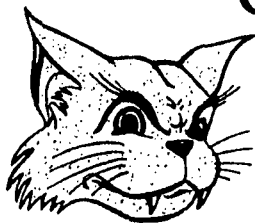


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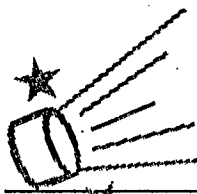
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Celebrating old friends

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■ 'Foster Presidential Years Reunion' to honor former University president

by Christy Chesnut
Features Editor

Food, fun and rock 'n' roll will all be part of the festivities Saturday at an alumni reunion honoring former Northwest president Robert Foster and his wife, Virginia.

The "Foster Presidential Years" Homecoming Alumni Reunion will begin at 7 p.m. at the Country Kitchen Banquet Room, and Northwest alumni of all ages are invited to attend.

This is the first year a reunion of this type has been planned. It will provide a chance for alumni to gather and relive the memories of Foster's 13-year era.

"I think the best thing about this is that there will be a place to go after the ball game," said Jessica Loch, a 1972 Northwest graduate and planner of the event. "In the past, there really hasn't been a place for alumni to congregate."

Many former students have fond memories of Foster, who was president from 1964 to 1977.

"Foster is a president students remember," said Shoba Brown, a 1971 graduate and co-coordinator of the Foster reunion. "He was one of those fellows who had an open-door policy and mingled with the students."

Today, Foster continues to serve Northwest in several areas. He enjoys working with athletic director James Redd and the Northwest coaches and contributing his time to the library and KXCV, the campus radio station, which he began while president.

"I'm very proud to be associated with



Robert Foster

Northwest," Foster said. "I love the school very much."

An alumni group that knows Foster and his wife on a personal basis came together and decided to pay tribute to the couple this year.

"It's time to roll out the red carpet and honor the Fosters for their contri-

butions to Northwest and the community," said Mike Johnson, assistant director of alumni relations.

Johnson said the Fosters will also be honored Saturday as the Grand Marshals of the Homecoming parade.

"It's a little overpowering, and I certainly didn't expect it," Foster said. "Virginia and I have a lot to be grateful for. We've been blessed with a great honor."

In addition to honoring the former president and his wife, the reunion will provide a chance for Northwest alumni to come together and reminisce about their college years.

"I live in Maryville, and I still haven't seen some people for a long time," Loch said. "We hope it's a chance for people to get together who normally don't get to see one another."

Johnson said almost 2,000 Northwest alumni live in Maryville. The Alumni House sent them brochures with forms to complete and send in if they wanted to attend the event.

Those who did not fill out the forms can send an R.S.V.P. to the Alumni House or pay the \$10 fee when they arrive at Country Kitchen Saturday. The fee will include snacks, and a cash bar will be available.

The coordinators of the event expect a good turnout and look forward to planning events like this every year.

"We hope that it won't begin and end with Foster," Brown said. "We would like to pick another administrator and honor them next year."



A group of foreign language alumni gathered at Channing and Louise Horners' house in 1992. The Horners have opened their home to alumni at Homecoming for more than 20 years. Photo courtesy of Channing and Louise Horner

Professors open home to returning alumni

by Kevin Schultz
Chief Reporter

For more than 20 years, a group of 20 to 25 alumni have been coming back to Homecoming, but never make it to the football game — they're too busy meeting with professors.

Each Homecoming, the home of modern language professors Channing and Louise Horner becomes a gathering place for alumni and their families.

Saturday is an opportunity for the alumni to reminisce about their Northwest years and to see the changes.

The party originally began with members of the organization Alpha Phi Omega, a national service organization that Channing was the chairman of in the early 1970s. At that time, a fellow member, Barb Gingrich, began having lunch gatherings at her home after the parade. Then one year in the mid '70s, it became more convenient to have the party at the Horners' home.

Again this year, the party will commence at their home after the parade. Alumni will bring food and beverages to the potluck lunch.

"It has been the same group of

alumni throughout the past several years," Channing said. "Several are former modern language students, but many are from other majors."

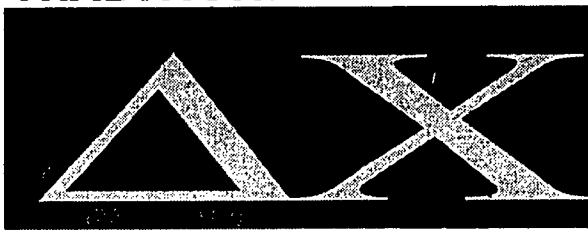
The party is full of different activities, but looking at memorabilia and reflecting on old times take up much of the day. One tradition that has developed is that the Horners have planted a tree in their front yard in memory of a former member, Alan Wagner.

"Alan is responsible for making the group the way it is today," Channing said. "He was an extremely active member, he helped shape this group and is the reason for many of the alumni being involved."

Another important feature of the group is that they have established the only exclusively student-raised endowment for a scholarship at Northwest, to which they give nearly \$1,000 each year.

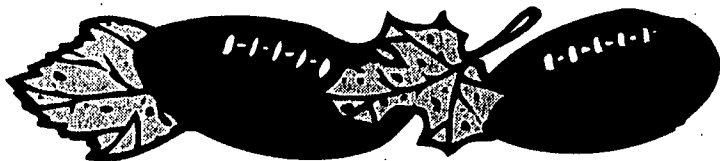
"The most that I get out of this party is to see former students who have found their little niches in their part of society and they are contributing," Channing said. "What they started when they were here really has become a part of the way they now live."

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This year, two championship teams and three individuals will receive the honor.

The formal induction ceremony will take place at 6 p.m. Friday at the Hall of Fame banquet in the Union Ballroom. The inductees will again be honored during halftime of the Homecoming game, which starts at 2 p.m. in Rickenbrode Stadium.

The inductees were chosen by a committee that meets in January each year and presents nominees to be voted on by M-Club members. Based on the returns, those selected for membership are announced in July of each year.

Here are this year's honorees:

John Byrd

During his 15 seasons as the head men's tennis coach, John Byrd compiled a dual record of 195 wins and 97 losses. His teams won or shared seven MIAA championships and finished in the NCAA Division II Top 10 eight times.

Sue Sugg Sharp

A native of Barnard, Sue Sugg was a four-year letter winner for the women's basketball and softball

teams. In 1975-76, she was the leading scorer and also led the league in assists. That year, her team won the MAIAW title and finished fourth at the AIAW Region 6 Nationals. In softball, Sugg helped lead the 1974-75 team to an MAIAW title and a spot in the AIAW Softball World Series.

Bob Henry

Bob Henry began his tenure at Northwest in 1969 as the director of news and information. Henry will be honored by the M-Club as an honorary member for his work in the fields of public relations and sports information.

The 1984 football team

With a record of 10-2, this Bearcat squad captured the MIAA championship and played the first 10 games of the season unbeaten. The team was ranked as high as No. 5 in the NCAA polls and qualified for the NCAA Division II playoffs.

The 1983-84 women's basketball team

This squad tied with Central Missouri State University and Southeast Missouri State University for the MIAA crown before earning a spot in the NCAA Great Lakes regional tournament. The team finished No. 6 in the nation in scoring average.



University President Dean Hubbard congratulates Denise Ottinger, vice president of student affairs, for her years of service to Northwest. Ottinger is leaving the school Friday.

Jennifer Meyer/
Photography
Director

Cabinet member to leave Friday

by Jamie Hatz

Editor in Chief

Although the theme is about firsts, this will be the last Homecoming for Denise Ottinger.

Ottinger, vice president of student affairs, will spend her last day at Northwest on Walkout Day before she leaves to go home.

Ottinger has accepted a new position as the dean of student services at West Shores Community College in Scottville, Mich.

Many people have worked closely with her over the past seven years, and at a farewell reception Tuesday at the Bell Tower the University recognized her contributions.

"Denise has done a tremendous job in a variety of ways," University president Dean Hubbard said. "She has thought to pull the student life side of the institution in under the academic umbrella and make this a seamless experience."

Ottinger was the first woman on the president's cabinet in 1990. Her responsibilities on campus have included a broad range of residential life, multicultural affairs, the counselling center, Greek life, Campus Safety and many others.

"The past two weeks have been very emotional," Ottinger said. "I don't know what to say; it's kind of overwhelming. I will truly miss all of you and Northwest."

Next week in the *Missourian*, look for a profile on Denise Ottinger and her years with the University.



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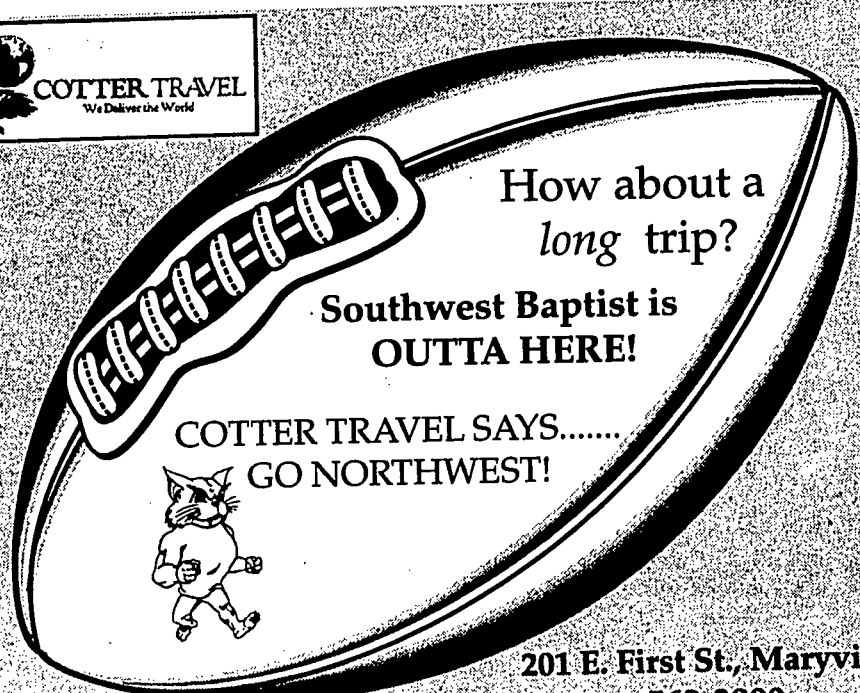
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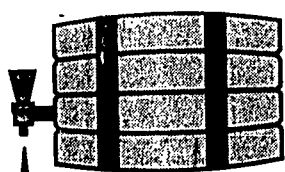
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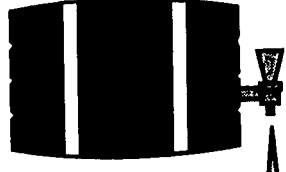


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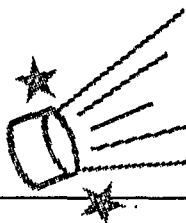
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Starting a tradition

by Colleen Cooke
Editorial Assistant

Mother and son alumni help to break new ground as non-traditional Northwest students

If a traditional college student is someone who enters a university at 18 and graduates with a degree at 22, then label Northwest alumni Dorothy Neely and her son Robert nontraditional.

Long before it was commonplace to see men and women in their late 20s to 40s back in school, Dorothy was earning her education at her own pace.

She attended Northwest for a year after high school, but she left when she married her high school sweetheart, John Neely. He went on to work as the superintendent of the Ravenwood school district.

He and Dorothy had three children — Ann, Robert and Jim — and then Dorothy decided it was time for her to finish her degree.

The most obvious choice of school for her was Northwest. Although John had gotten his degree at the University of Missouri-Columbia, he had gone to Northwest for a year first. In addition, her husband's brother and sister had gone here, and it was conveniently located 10 miles away from her home.

To pursue her education degree, Dorothy picked up courses here and there, whenever it was convenient. In doing so, she wasn't able to experience college the way younger students did.

"I sort of felt like I stuck out like a sore thumb, but they all treated me like one of them, even though they were so much younger," she said.

As a commuter, Dorothy said she would study for her classes in her car or stop by Dairy Queen and study there.

In 1959, she graduated with her degree in elementary education. That commencement was particularly memorable for her because the class of '59 was the first to receive their degrees in Lamkin Gym. She said of all her college experiences, receiving her degree was the biggest thrill.

"It was a big deal to get to college for me then," she said. "The younger generation needs to enjoy campus life. That's something I didn't get to do."

Now, living in St. Joseph, Dorothy said she doesn't come up for Homecoming as much as she would like to, but she still keeps track of her alma mater.

"I was glad to see them beat Missouri Western," she said. "I live here, but that doesn't mean I have to cheer for them."

Her son Robert was able to do what his mother couldn't — experience college life. However, thanks to the Vietnam War, his college years were interrupted and extended.

Robert first attended Northwest in 1967 and stayed until 1970 before service in the Vietnam War called. He returned in January 1973 after his tour of duty and graduated with the class of 1974.

"The first three years I probably enjoyed too much," Robert said. "When I got back from the service, my GPA jumped by a letter grade. I found that going to class was a pretty good thing."

Like his mom, Robert felt his age once he returned to campus.

"Here I was 24 when I came back and I was living in Phillips Hall," he said. "My wife was 19 when I met her and she was living off campus."

Although his years in college lasted longer than usual, his courtship to his wife did not.

He met his future wife, Kathy, who graduated in 1975, through a mutual friend about nine months after he had gotten

back from the war. Six months later, they were married.

"Money was pretty tight, but we really didn't know it at the time," Robert said.

They both earned money working as night managers at the Knotty Pine, and Kathy also worked in the admissions office at the University.

The quick engagement hasn't seemed to affect the longevity of their marriage. The couple will celebrate their 24th

anniversary in December.

Robert, Kathy and their two sons live in Holden, where Robert teaches freshmen geography at Holden High School. At Northwest, he attained a degree in geography, and later a teaching degree.

He is also the assistant football coach and the head track coach.

Even though a busy schedule and conflicting Homecomings (the high school's Homecoming is this weekend as well) have prevented the Neelys from coming back to Northwest much, he has been able to support the University in other ways.

"I push hard for Northwest with my students," he said. "There's a dozen or so kids that I taught in Maryville now. I do my benefit for the University by

encouraging good kids to go up there and get active."

Although his family has moved out of northwest Missouri, Robert said his early years growing up in Ravenwood left a strong mark.

"The roots of the family are in northwest Missouri," he said. "I don't think you have to go to the University of Missouri to get a good education. You're going to get the total educational experience."

Robert and his mother helped to break some new ground at Northwest in the ways they attended school, and both of them remember their years at the University with fondness.

"I can't think of another school I wish I'd gone to, so I guess I'm another satisfied grad," Robert said.



Tim Kay/Chief Photographer

ABOVE Dorothy Neely reads some of her favorite books at her home in St. Joseph. Neely graduated in 1959 from Northwest, and her son Robert went here in the early 1970s.



LEFT Dorothy Neely in 1959. Photo courtesy of Tower Yearbook.



FAR LEFT Clockwise from top: Kurt, Robert, Kathy and Jeremy Neely in their home in Holden. Robert met and married Kathy when they attended Northwest.



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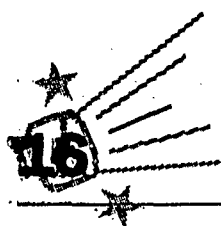
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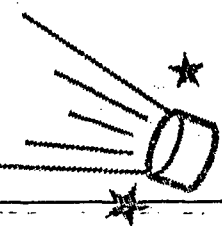


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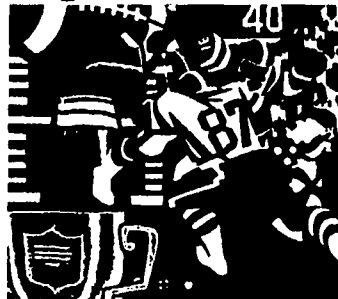
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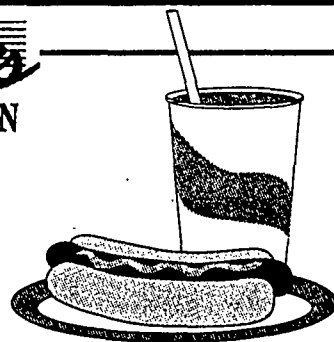
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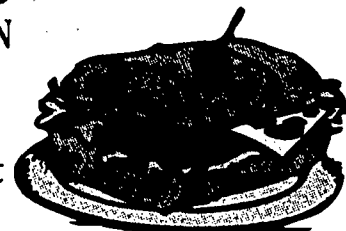
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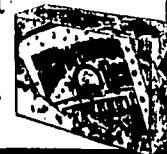
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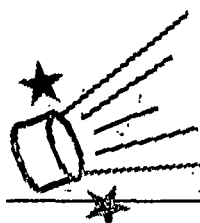


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'Cat Fight

Northwest Bearcats take on the Bearcats of Southwest Baptist University in Homecoming game



Colin McDonough/Managing Editor

Sophomore linebacker Wayland Vacek attempts to block a punt by the University of Missouri-Rolla Miners during last Saturday's game.

by Colin McDonough
Managing Editor

The final tune-up is here before the show-down for the MIAA championship next weekend.

Northwest will battle Southwest Baptist University Saturday for the Homecoming game. The kickoff will be at 2 p.m. in Rickenbrode Stadium. The game will be a prelude to Northwest's battle next Saturday with Pittsburg State University in Pittsburg, Kan. It will be a matchup between two of the top five teams in the nation.

The Bearcats come into Saturday's game ranked No. 5 in the nation with an unblemished record of 6-0. SBU comes into the contest riding a 17-game losing streak including an 0-6 mark this season.

Mel Tjeerdsma, head football coach, said SBU is not a fun team to play.

"In one sense they are a dangerous team because they can go out with nothing to lose," Tjeerdsma said. "The fact that they can let it all hang out makes them dangerous."

Northwest's preparation for SBU is difficult as well, Tjeerdsma said.

"It's tougher to prepare for a team like that because if you are not prepared, they can put you into shock if things start going their way," he said.

Tjeerdsma said SBU's special teams are a strength because they have the MIAA's leading punt returner in Derek Deuval. SBU also has blocked several punts this season and that could be a factor in the game.

Homecoming will also play a factor in the game, Tjeerdsma said.

"We are going to have such a big crowd, that will be a motivation in itself," he said. "We are going to have a lot of former players there and we are also honoring the 1984 football team. We want those people to feel good about what they see."

Adam Dorrel, senior offensive tackle, said Homecoming is always a great time.

"Speaking for myself, I love Homecoming," Dorrel said. "You get to see all the old players and it makes me want to play harder."

Freshman linebacker Wes Simmons said the team will have to think more about the game and less about the activities concerning Homecoming.

"We have to stay focused on the objective — the game," Simmons said. "We can't get caught up in all the Homecoming stuff."

Tjeerdsma said he's sure the players realize they have some challenges ahead, but they have to take them one game at a time.

"We are aware we've got some tough games coming up," he said. "The challenge we have now is to focus on who we play now. I'm sure in some of our minds we're looking ahead, but overall we are really focused. A lot of the players went through it last year and they know to take things as they come."

Simmons said Pittsburg State will be lurking in the shadows but first things first.

"I'll be thinking about Pitt, there's no doubt in my mind, but we have to take care of Southwest (Baptist)," he said.



Jennifer Meyer/Photography Director

During the Bearcat Bash in Bearcat Arena Tuesday night, Bobby Bearcat hangs out with Mel Tjeerdsma, head football coach.

Don Black trophy should go to entire Northwest offensive line

Blockers provide protected pockets for Bearcat quarterback's stellar plays



Colin McDonough

The Don Black Memorial Trophy is given annually to the most valuable Northwest football player during the Homecoming game.

The award usually goes to a skills position player like a quarterback, running back, wide receiver or place-kicker.

Although this year, I would like to see the award given to the Northwest offensive line. These guys do all the dirty work for the Bearcats.

Everyone reads and talks about how quarterback Chris Greisen is able to pick defenses apart with his pinpoint passing.

But would Greisen be able to pick those defenses apart if he did not have five-to-six seconds every

time he steps back into the ever-present pocket?

I don't think so, because I can recall about three years ago the Northwest quarterback would end up on his backside within seconds of the snap.

Yet in the past three years, the offensive line has improved by leaps and bounds.

Greisen has only been sacked nine times this season.

Another question is about A-backs Derek Lane and Charlie Pugh and B-back Kraig Evans. Would they be able to rack up yards if the offensive line had not opened huge holes for these guys to run through?

I remember my freshman year when 400 yards made a player the

season-high rushing leader. Last year, Jesse Haynes rushed for more than 1,800 yards.

Now I don't want to take anything away from Haynes, but I think the line had a big factor in why he was able to gain the yards.

So I am starting a campaign to give the Don Black award to Adam Dorrel, Andy Erpelding, Chad Thompson, Josh Baker and Steve Coppinger.

If you add up their listed weights, it comes to 1,384 pounds of meat, an average of 276.8 per lineman.

Another man that deserves a round of applause is offensive line coach Bart Tatum. He is the man behind this line and creates all the blocking assignments and schemes.

Without him, all the holes and the pocket would not exist.

It probably won't matter what I say, because the guys that catch your attention are ones that put up the big numbers.

Maybe if the statisticians were to keep track of the pancake blocks these guys do every game, then they would be able to put up huge numbers. So they are already fighting an uphill battle.

These guys do all the hard work, yet never get recognized. I can't think of a better way to recognize them than by giving them the most prestigious Homecoming award.

Colin McDonough is the managing editor for the Northwest Missourian.

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Chris Tucker/
Contributing
Photographer

Businesses see revenues rise

■ Homecoming brings long hours, big bucks to eateries, hotels, bars

by Sarah Bohl
Missourian Staff

Walkout Day, the parade, the football game, the throngs of people everywhere — Homecoming is one of Northwest's and Maryville's biggest events. But how do businesses cope with the wave of people who surge into town during the Homecoming weekend?

Most just grit their teeth and bear it.

"I appreciate all the business the University brings, but I almost dread Homecoming," said Cathy Goerlitz, owner of The Merry Villa Motel. "It's a lot of extra work."

Hotel rooms fill up very early, according to both Goerlitz and Chuck Hetrick, general manager of the Super 8 and Comfort Inn motels.

"People often ask about reservations for next year when they check out from this year," he said.

The reason many people book

rooms so early is because of a lack of places to stay, Goerlitz said.

"There's not enough units in Maryville to fill the need," she said. "You have to be prepared to be full."

Although Hetrick couldn't give exact monetary figures, he said 95 percent of his business during the weekend is related to Homecoming, and it is one of his busiest non-peak weekends. Peak times are usually during the summer months or during holiday weekends, when many people are traveling.

Hotels aren't the only businesses affected by Homecoming because large crowds usually mean lots of hungry people.

"Homecoming is about our busiest day of the year," said Tom McAllister, swing manager at McDonald's. "I'd say we have 25 to 50 percent more business."

Kelly Meyers, shift manager at Country Kitchen, said the restaurant can make from \$1,000 to \$2,000 more revenue during the Saturday of Homecoming than on a normal busy night.

Meyers said Country Kitchen makes its schedule for Homecom-

ing a month in advance, and anyone who wants off must talk to a general manager.

Both McDonald's and Pagliai's schedule all their employees to work Homecoming.

"Everyone has to work at least four hours," McAllister said. "We're very busy all day."

Tammy Goff, assistant manager at Pagliai's, said the restaurant can see a 20 percent increase in revenue just on Friday and Saturday.

"We schedule extra help, and everyone must work at least one shift," Goff said. "It's our busiest day of the year."

Some new business owners, like Molly's owner Joe Ackman, aren't sure what to expect.

"We're running ads and specials for that weekend," he said. "We're also having more help and opening a little earlier. It's going to be an experience."

Even though it may be hectic, Homecoming weekend always manages to leave business owners with a little something to smile about.

"I'm always happy on my way to the bank," Goerlitz laughed.

Marketing group fits Homecoming to a T

■ Organization makes T-shirts to raise funds, learn sales strategies

by Erica Smith
Advertising Director

One Northwest organization has found a way to make Homecoming both a profitable business venture and a learning experience at the same time.

The American Marketing Association designs and sells T-shirts to promote its organization and to partake in Homecoming.

"We do it to promote AMA," said Geri Jennings, public relations chairwoman. "It's a good way to take part in the festivities and to make money."

AMA began selling T-shirts Tuesday. Of the 200 T-shirts they ordered, 79 are bought by ARAMARK each year.

"ARA buys a lot," Jennings said. "Everyone who works in the Grill or in the Deli gets one of them. Then we order extra for members to sell."

The T-shirts cost \$10 and can be purchased from AMA members, and, if the shirts are

still available, at the Alumni House or the football game.

AMA comes up with the design for the T-shirts and is responsible for marketing them after production.

"It provides us with valuable experience in marketing," AMA president Rita DelSignore said.

AMA also participates in other Homecoming events, including the parade.

"We nominated a king and queen." "We'll be in the parade," Jennings said. "People will be walking the parade route and handing out candy."

The money AMA makes from the sale of the shirts goes to a fund to help pay for AMA activities, including an international convention in April.

"All year we try to raise money for our international conference," DelSignore said.

At last year's conference in New Orleans the chapter was honored for outstanding fundraising efforts.

"We do a lot of different activities to raise money," DelSignore said. "Some of it we use for the chapter and some we donate to benefit others."

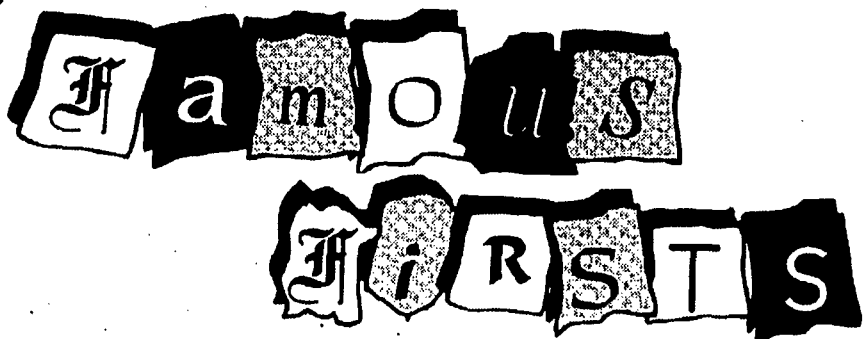
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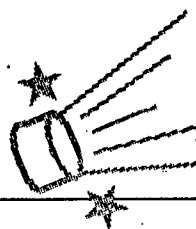
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Swinging away the post-Homecoming blues

■ **Two big band shows and a gospel comedy fill out weekend itinerary**

by Colleen Cooke
Editorial Assistant

Although most of the pomp and circumstance of Homecoming ends Saturday night, Sunday and Monday will give visitors and locals a few more entertainment options to fill their time.

The Pete Eye Trio from Kansas City kicks off the Sunday activities with a repeat performance of the luncheon and big band dance that the ensemble has provided after previous Homecomings.

The luncheon and dance will take place at noon in the University Con-

ference Center. Tickets cost \$10 for both the luncheon and the dance, while tickets for the dance cost \$3.

Eye, who plays the piano and keyboards, will be joined by Gerald Spaetz on bass and Allen Wiley on drums.

Eye creates his own unique sound as he plays both the piano and the electronic keyboard — sometimes at the same time.

After the Pete Eye Trio wraps up, the Count Basie Orchestra will step up to the microphone for a performance at 3 p.m. in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

Named after William "Count" Basie, the orchestra will bring the big band swing sound to Northwest with songs like "Jumpin' at the Woodside," "Moten Swing" and

"One O'Clock Jump."

Throughout his 80-year life, Count Basie helped to make American jazz the art form that it is today.

His influence and example survives today in the work of the man who leads the orchestra bearing his name — Grover Mitchell.

Mitchell gained his jazz roots in Pittsburgh and first became acquainted with Count Basie 22 years ago when Mitchell was a lead trombone player with the Count.

Bryan Vanosdale, director of campus activities, said tickets for the Count Basie Orchestra, which cost \$10 each, are nearly sold out.

Vanosdale said because of the large number of alumni in town for the weekend, plus a large Northwest population interested in the performing arts, an act like the Count Basie Or-

chestra is a big draw.

While the weekend may come to a close Sunday, on Monday Campus Activity Programmers offers another choice of entertainment with "Church Mess" at 7:30 p.m. in the Mary Linn. Tickets cost \$5.

Vanosdale said CAPs booked the show at the beginning of the school year after receiving information about the touring group, called Theater Awareness, based out of New Orleans.

"It's supposed to be extremely funny," Vanosdale said. "In everything I've read about it, it's gotten incredible reviews."

Beyond the good reviews, however, Vanosdale said he liked the show's upbeat message and family-friendly content.



Under the direction of Grover Mitchell, the Count Basie Orchestra will fill the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center with swing.

What: "Church Mess"
When: 7:30 p.m. Monday
Where: Mary Linn Performing Arts Center
How much: \$5

Campus Activity Programmers presents "Church Mess," a comedy about "that church down the street."



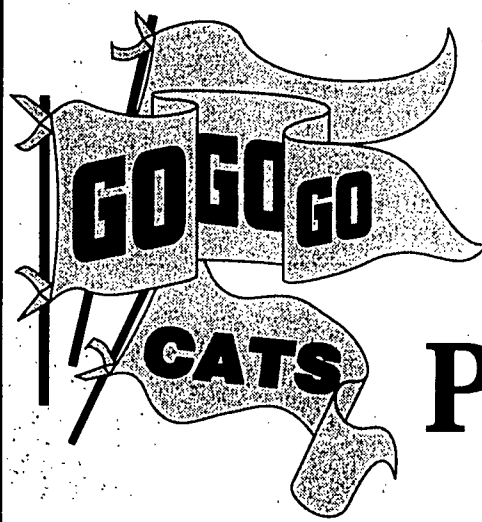
What: The Count Basie Orchestra
When: 3 p.m. Sunday
Where: Mary Linn
How much: free

What: The Pete Eye Trio Luncheon/Big Band Dance
When: noon Sunday
Where: University Conference Center
How much: \$10 for luncheon and dance; \$5 dance only

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Friday, Oct. 17

Class of 1947 Golden Anniversary Reunion, Alumni House, 9 a.m.
Class of 1947 Golden Anniversary Luncheon, Alumni House, noon
All-Alumni Golf Outing, 2-person scramble, Mozingo 18-hole championship golf course, shotgun start at noon
M-Club Hall of Fame Athletic Banquet, J.W. Jones Union Ballroom, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 18

Complimentary Doughnuts, Coffee and Juice
Alumni House, 8:30 a.m. until the parade. Everyone welcome!
Parade, Beginning at the Fine Arts Building, 9:30 a.m.
All-Alumni Barbecue and Class of 1987 10 year Reunion Luncheon
Alumni House Lawn, following the parade 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Bearcat Football vs. Southwest Baptist, Rickenbrode Stadium, 2 p.m.
Foster Homecoming Celebration, Country Kitchen Banquet Room, 7 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 19

Pete Eye Trio Luncheon and Dance, University Conference Center, noon
Count Basie Orchestra, Mary Linn Performing Arts Center, 3 p.m.

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Members of the Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia perform their skit, "Bobby Goes to Mars," in the Homecoming Variety Show Wednesday. The group, a professional music fraternity,

sang and danced its way across the stage and sent the crowd rolling with its parody of cheerleaders and Martians. For more on the show, see pages 4-5.

Jennifer Meyer/Photography Director

Spotlights shine on Northwest this week as the entire campus comes together to present "Famous Firsts" in all shapes and sizes. From football to fantasies, expect to see some creative takes on this year's Homecoming theme. During Saturday's parade, Maryville unites with the University to lend support to the exuberating school spirit that fills the weekend. So get ready to take a stroll through our own walk of fame.

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First act.

Campus groups take to the stage to kick off Homecoming Weekend. **See pages 4-6.**

Behind the

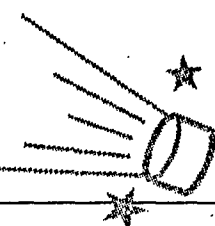
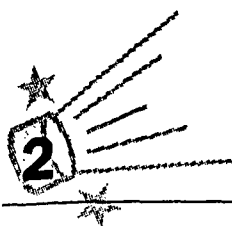
scenes. Meet the student directors of Homecoming 1997. **See pages 10-11.**

Remembering when.

Northwest spreads the welcome mat for alumni. **See pages 12-15.**

Bearcats vs.

Bearcats. See how the big Homecoming game shapes up. **See pages 16-17.**



Past Homecoming Themes

Here are the Northwest Homecoming themes for the past decade.

- 1996 - "Read All About It"
- 1995 - "Rockin' Through The Ages"
- 1994 - "Lights! Camera! Action!"
- 1993 - "The Wonderful World of Northwest"
- 1992 - "History Worth Repeating"
- 1991 - "All in the Family"
- 1990 - "One for the Books"
- 1989 - "Hooray for Hollywood"
- 1988 - "Fantasyland"
- 1987 - "TV Guide"

Looking for more information?

Visit the *Missourian* Online to see the extra touches that the Web can provide to Homecoming at Northwest. <http://www.nwmissouri.edu/missourian/>



Thursday, Oct. 16

- Variety Show, Mary Linn Performing Arts Center, 7 p.m. **stories pages 4-6**
- Midnight Breakfast, sponsored by Residence Hall Association, 'Cats Commons, 9:30-11:30 p.m., \$4.50.



Tim Kay/Chief Photographer
Members of Sigma Sigma Sigma work on their sorority's float for the Homecoming parade.

Calendar of Events

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Friday, Oct. 17

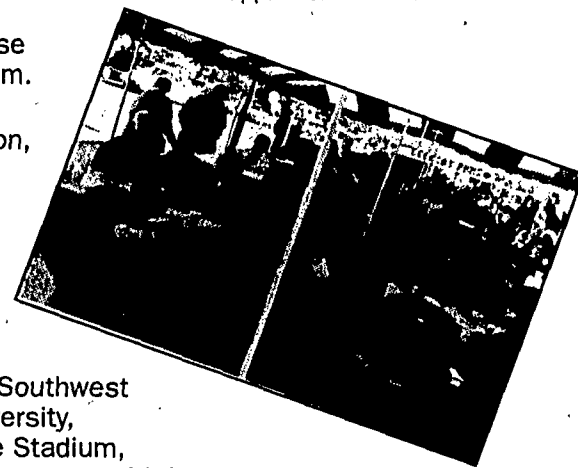
- Walkout Day - no classes
- Class of 1947 Golden Anniversary Reunion, Alumni House, 9 a.m.
- Class of 1947 Golden Anniversary luncheon, Student Union, noon
- All-Alumni Golf Outing, two-person scramble at Mzingo, shotgun start at noon.
- House Dec judging, 5 and 7 p.m. **map page 8**
- M-Club Hall of Fame Banquet, Union Ballroom, 6 p.m. **story page 14**
- Variety Show, Mary Linn, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 18

- Kegs and Eggs, The Outback, 7 a.m. until the parade.
- Donuts, coffee and juice, Alumni House, before the parade
- Parade, beginning at the Fine Arts Building, 9:30 a.m. **map page 9**
- All-Alumni Barbecue,

Alumni House Lawn, 11 a.m.

- Class of 1987 reunion, at the All-Alumni Barbecue, Alumni House, 11 a.m.
- Bearcat football vs. Southwest Baptist University, Rickenbrode Stadium, 2 p.m. **stories pages 16-17**
- Homecoming Awards, Rickenbrode Stadium, 5 p.m.
- Horace Mann College High Banquet, University Conference Center, 6 p.m.

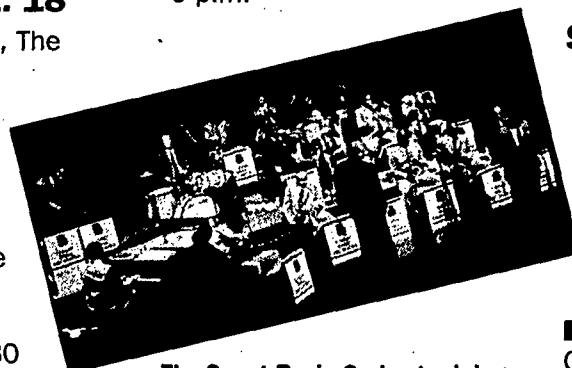


Former Northwest students and faculty attended last year's All-Alumni Barbecue on Homecoming.

- "Foster Presidential Years Alumni Reunion," Country Kitchen, 7 p.m. **story page 13**

Sunday, Oct. 19

- Pete Eye Trio Luncheon and Dance, University Conference Center, noon. **story page 19**
- Alumni softball game, new Bearcat softball field, 1 p.m.
- Count Basie Orchestra, Mary Linn, 3 p.m. **story page 19**



The Count Basie Orchestra brings its explosive style of jazz and swing to Northwest for a post-Homecoming performance.

Bobby Bearcat, cereal and toothbrushes: All the firsts are here

Sure, anybody can think of **SOME** famous firsts if they put their minds to it. But we've gone beyond the obvious firsts that you might see in the parade on Saturday or in the Variety Show tonight. Feast your eyes on this list of obscure (and not-so-obscure) famous firsts from Northwest and around the world.

At Northwest:

- Sept. 12, 1905 - First meeting of the Board of Regents
- 1907-08 - First student government

- May 15, 1906 - First books ordered for the library
- Aug. 6, 1906 - First commencement
- Oct. 22, 1915 - First Walkout Day
- 1917 - First edition of the *Tower* yearbook (although it wasn't printed again until 1922)
- Jan. 9, 1918 - The Stroller made his first appearance in the student newspaper, called *The Green and White Courier*
- Oct. 10, 1924 - First general Homecoming
- Sept. 27, 1926 - First edition of

- the *Northwest Missourian* (although a student newspaper had existed under other names, such as *The Green and White Courier* and *The Normal Index*)
- Sept. 11, 1928 - First Freshmen Orientation class meet
- Nov. 3, 1931 - First Hickory Stick — President Lamkin sent a hickory cane to Kirksville, saying that Northwest would be taking it back after the Bearcats had defeated the Bulldogs in football
- Nov. 12, 1931 - Northwest won the first Hickory Stick game
- Oct. 31, 1947 - A sculptured

- Bearcat made its first public appearance at Homecoming
- Aug. 4, 1948 - The Bell of '48 was given to the University by the graduating class
- Jan. 27, 1951 - First Tower King crowned

In General:

- 1066 - William of Orange conquered England (just a little nod to all those history teachers out there)
- 1088 - First clock is used
- 1350-1380 - First alarm clock
- 1498 - First toothbrush

- 1499 - First dictionary is printed (and is quickly ignored by most college students)
- 1605 - First Christmas tree
- January 1609 - First newspaper is printed
- March 2, 1717 - First ballet takes place
- 1843 - First cigarettes
- 1848 - First chewing gum
- 1893 - First breakfast cereal
- 1896 - First cinema
- Dec. 21, 1913 - First crossword puzzle appears
- 1938 - First ball-point pen

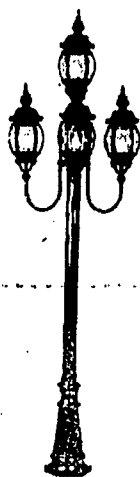


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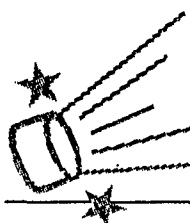
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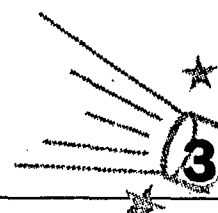


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Famous Firsts

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First things first

Organizations discover unique ways to interpret Homecoming theme

While keeping the overall Homecoming theme in mind, organizations at Northwest are putting the finishing touches on their Homecoming preparations. Greeks and non-Greeks alike are feverishly finalizing their interpretations of "Famous Firsts."

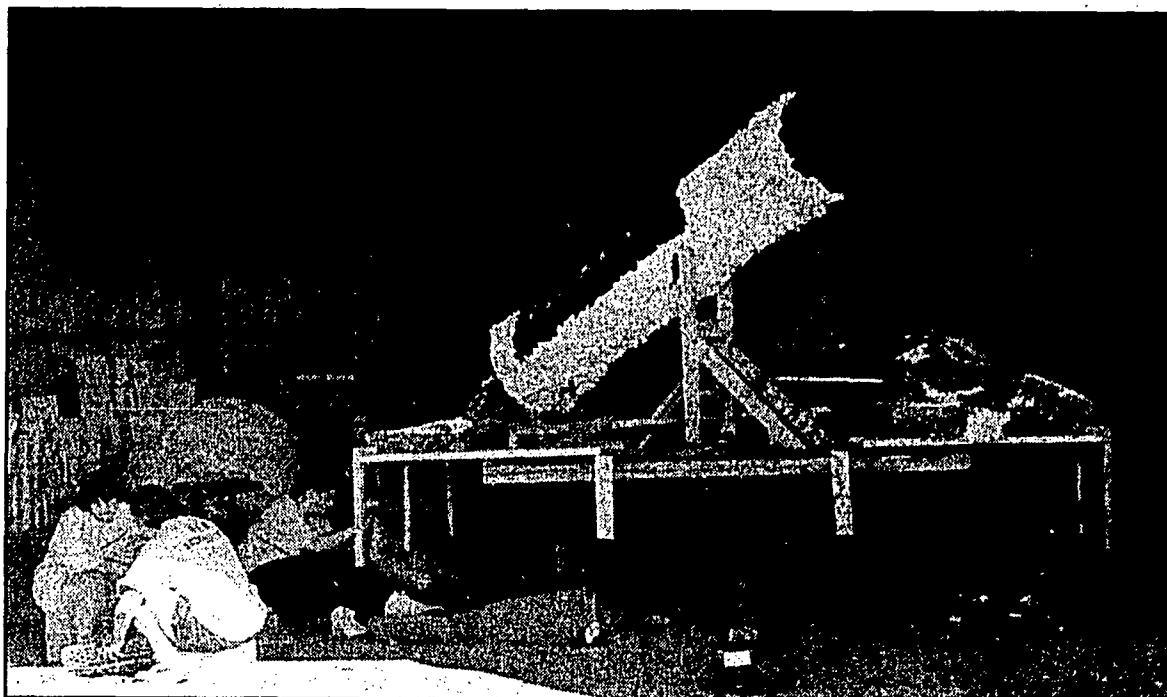
Many groups have spent long hours working on their projects. Karen Barmann, Phi Mu Homecoming chairwoman, said the sorority has been preparing for Homecoming for more than a month.

The sorority is entered in the float, mini-float, house dec and clown competitions for the parade.

They also prepared a skit for the Variety Show called "The First Seven Days of Creation: the Garden of Dean." The group had to keep the "Famous Firsts" theme in mind as they planned their own themes.

"We just brainstormed together and used the Internet for theme ideas," Barmann said.

Some of the unique ideas the Phi Mus came up with in the clown categories included Snow



Tim Kay/Chief Photographer

For the Delta Zeta float, the sorority chose to focus on the first man on the moon to coincide with the Famous

Firsts theme. The members worked on the float, shown here, earlier this month by the Microtel Building.

White, the first animated film; Elvis, the first king of rock 'n' roll; and the original Mickey Mouse Club.

Their float theme is Baby Bearcats' First Steps, which they are preparing with the Delta

Sigma Phi fraternity.

Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority is another organization that spent many hours planning for the weekend. The sorority is entered in several categories in the parade and put much thought into

its dinosaur float.

"We wrote down all the famous firsts and thought of what would be the most fun and colorful for the kids," said Becki Kindle, co-chairwoman for Tri Sigma's Homecoming prepara-

tions. "We also wanted to choose something that would look real once it was pumped."

The Tri Sigma's creative clowns include a pumped cloned sheep and costumed clowns of Adam and Eve. Kindle said its house dec, "Star Wars," with Delta Chi fraternity is a famous first because the movie was the first in the trilogy and one of the first of its kind.


Other groups, such as the Dieterich Hall Council, waited until the week of Homecoming before beginning their preparations.

Brian Hopf, president of Dieterich Hall Council, said they plan to hang sheets on the side of the residence hall for their house dec.

The banner will display Northwest football firsts and will include themes such as the Northwest's first MIAA championship in 1925 and the first Homecoming game and victory in 1946.

No matter what the organizations choose to prepare for Homecoming, they are all working together to create a fun weekend of "Famous Firsts."

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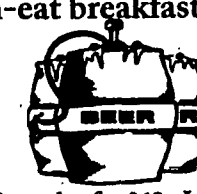

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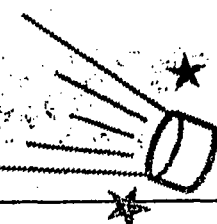




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First Act

Photos by Jennifer Meyer

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Variety Show Acts

Act One

"The Robo-Bobby Follies" — Sigma Alpha Iota
"Foolish Games" — Maria Newquist
"The First Seven Days of Creation" — Phi Mu
"How Do I Live?" — Amy Guenther
"Bearcats' First National Championship" — Phi Sigma Kappa
"Paying the Cost to Be the Boss" — Maggie O'Riley
"Bobby Bearcat's First Date" — Alpha Sigma Alpha

Act Two

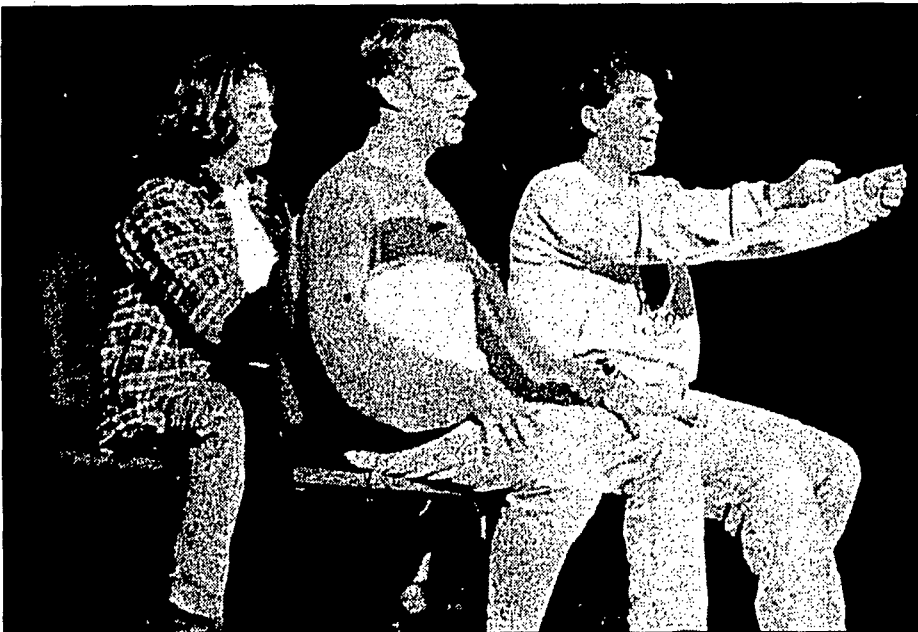
"Just for the Ladies" — Bearcat Steppers
"Bobby Goes to Mars" — Phi Mu Alpha
"Head Over Feet" — Courtney Yeager
"Bob and Dean's First Excellent Adventure" — Delta Zeta
"Leave it to Bobby" — Tau Kappa Epsilon
"For the First Time" — Jeremy Browning
"Muppets Take Maryville" — Sigma Phi Epsilon

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ABOVE For their skit, members of the Phi Mu sorority perform "The First Seven Days of Creation" at the Variety Show Wednesday.



LEFT As the first of the olio acts to perform in the Variety Show Wednesday, Maria Newquist sings "Foolish Games."

Homecoming MCs Jen Brandt, Jerry Nevins and Sarah Derks do a parody of a car ride from St. Joseph to Maryville in the Variety Show Wednesday. Between the scheduled acts, the trio put on acts of their own, constantly playing off the audience for laughs.

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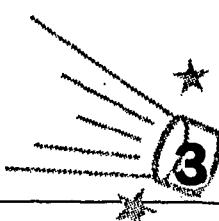
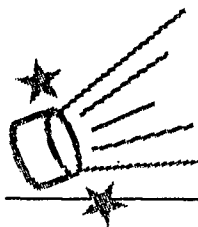
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Organizations discover unique ways to interpret Homecoming theme

While keeping the overall Homecoming theme in mind, organizations at Northwest are putting the finishing touches on their Homecoming preparations. Greeks and non-Greeks alike are feverishly finalizing their interpretations of "Famous Firsts."

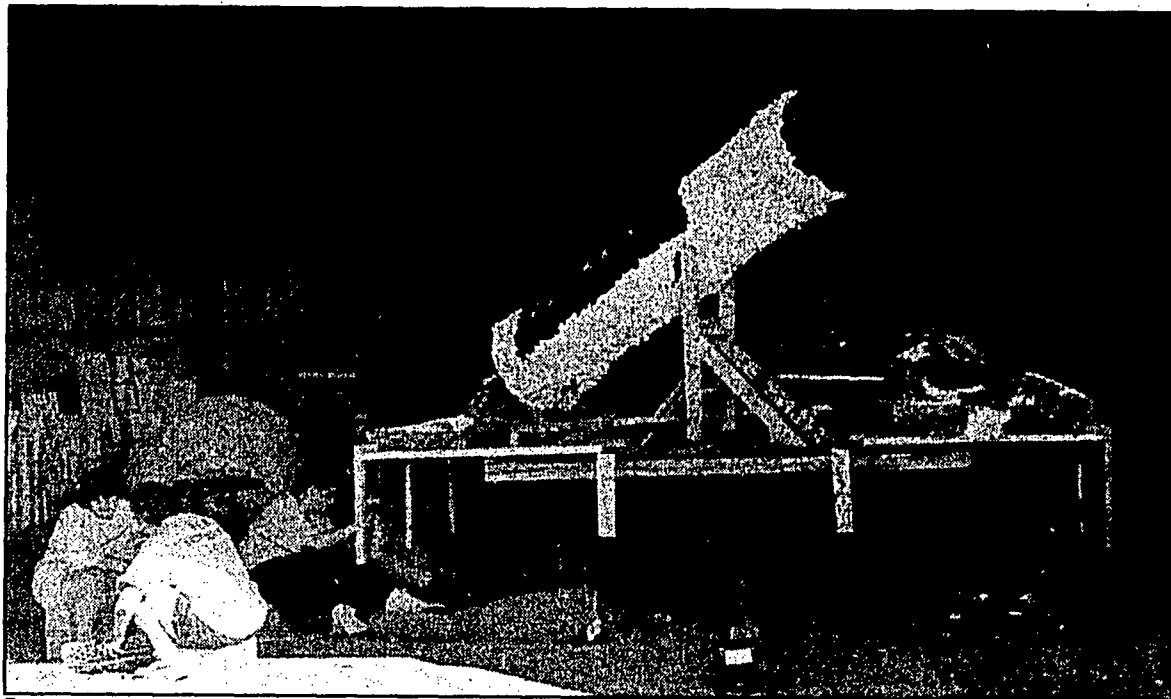
Many groups have spent long hours working on their projects. Karen Barmann, Phi Mu Homecoming chairwoman, said the sorority has been preparing for Homecoming for more than a month.

The sorority is entered in the float, mini-float, house dec and clown competitions for the parade.

They also prepared a skit for the Variety Show called "The First Seven Days of Creation: the Garden of Dean." The group had to keep the "Famous Firsts" theme in mind as they planned their own themes.

"We just brainstormed together and used the Internet for theme ideas," Barmann said.

Some of the unique ideas the Phi Mus came up with in the clown categories included Snow



Tim Kay/Chief Photographer

For the Delta Zeta float, the sorority chose to focus on the first man on the moon to coincide with the Famous

Firsts theme. The members worked on the float, shown here, earlier this month by the Microtel Building.

White, the first animated film; Elvis, the first king of rock 'n' roll; and the original Mickey Mouse Club.

Their float theme is Baby Bearcats' First Steps, which they are preparing with the Delta

Sigma Phi fraternity.

Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority is another organization that spent many hours planning for the weekend. The sorority is entered in several categories in the parade and put much thought into

its dinosaur float.

"We wrote down all the famous firsts and thought of what would be the most fun and colorful for the kids," said Becki Kindle, co-chairwoman for Tri Sigma's Homecoming prepara-

tions. "We also wanted to choose something that would look real once it was pumped."

The Tri Sigma's creative clowns include a pumped cloned sheep and costumed clowns of Adam and Eve. Kindle said its house dec, "Star Wars," with Delta Chi fraternity is a famous first because the movie was the first in the trilogy and one of the first of its kind.

Other groups, such as the Dieterich Hall Council, waited until the week of Homecoming before beginning their preparations.

Brian Hopf, president of Dieterich Hall Council, said they plan to hang sheets on the side of the residence hall for their house dec.

The banner will display Northwest football firsts and will include themes such as the Northwest's first MIAA championship in 1925 and the first Homecoming game and victory in 1946.

No matter what the organizations choose to prepare for Homecoming, they are all working together to create a fun weekend of "Famous Firsts."

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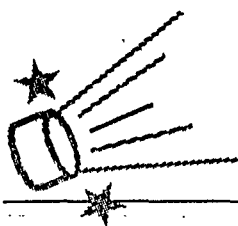
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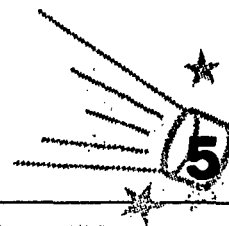
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Homecoming 1997 Variety Show



preparations go into pulling off an ensemble of performances

by Heather Alnge
Missourian Staff

Months of planning and writing, tough decisions and weeks of long grueling practices all boil down to one night and one question — is it funny?

As the Variety Show kicks off Homecoming, Northwest and Maryville can finally see what the campus has poured its heart into for the past few months.

Dave Catherall, Homecoming co-director, said the decisions that the panel makes as to who makes it and who doesn't are fairly simple.

"If they are funny, they make it," Catherall said. "It gives students the opportunity to show their talent that they might not otherwise get to."

Appearances in the Homecoming Variety Show take a great deal of time and preparation on the part of the Homecoming committee and the part of the talent.

Competition is one of the biggest things all the people involved in the acts are facing.

"There are more people involved this year and this really makes it competitive," said Becky Bollinger, Phi Mu member. "They dropped over half of the acts trying out. It makes me worry about the competition for supremacy."

The time spent on preparation for tryouts is immense and varies from group to group.

"Two of my brothers started writing it this summer," said Adam Drogemuehler, Alpha Sigma Iota member. "We have been working together since the second week of school. I love the competition because it makes people work harder and the skits and acts are better."

Many hours have been spent on preparations this year because of the famous firsts theme.

"We have put a lot more hours

in this year preparing because the theme is so hard, you have to make everything a first," Bollinger said. "We have worked at least 80 to 100 hours on preparation, and that doesn't include the hours that will be spent on the week of Homecoming in rehearsals."

After the long hours and repetition of practices, the members of the Variety Show are still going strong.

"Sometimes I really get sick of the practicing, but everyone helps to motivate everyone else," Bollinger said. "It is a team experience, not individual, and once you realize this you work a lot harder for the team."

The process of becoming part of the Variety Show begins with submitting an idea for an act. Ideas for this year's show were due Sept. 22. The next step was

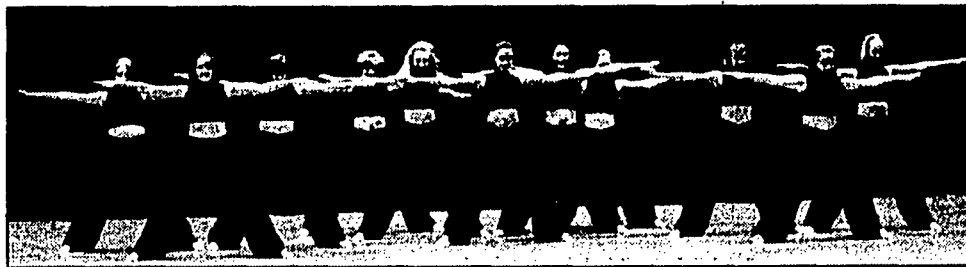
to submit a script, which the Homecoming committee read before the auditions. Auditions took place over two nights.

All auditions are performed before a panel of judges. The panel includes representatives from the Homecoming committee, Variety Show committee, Resident Hall

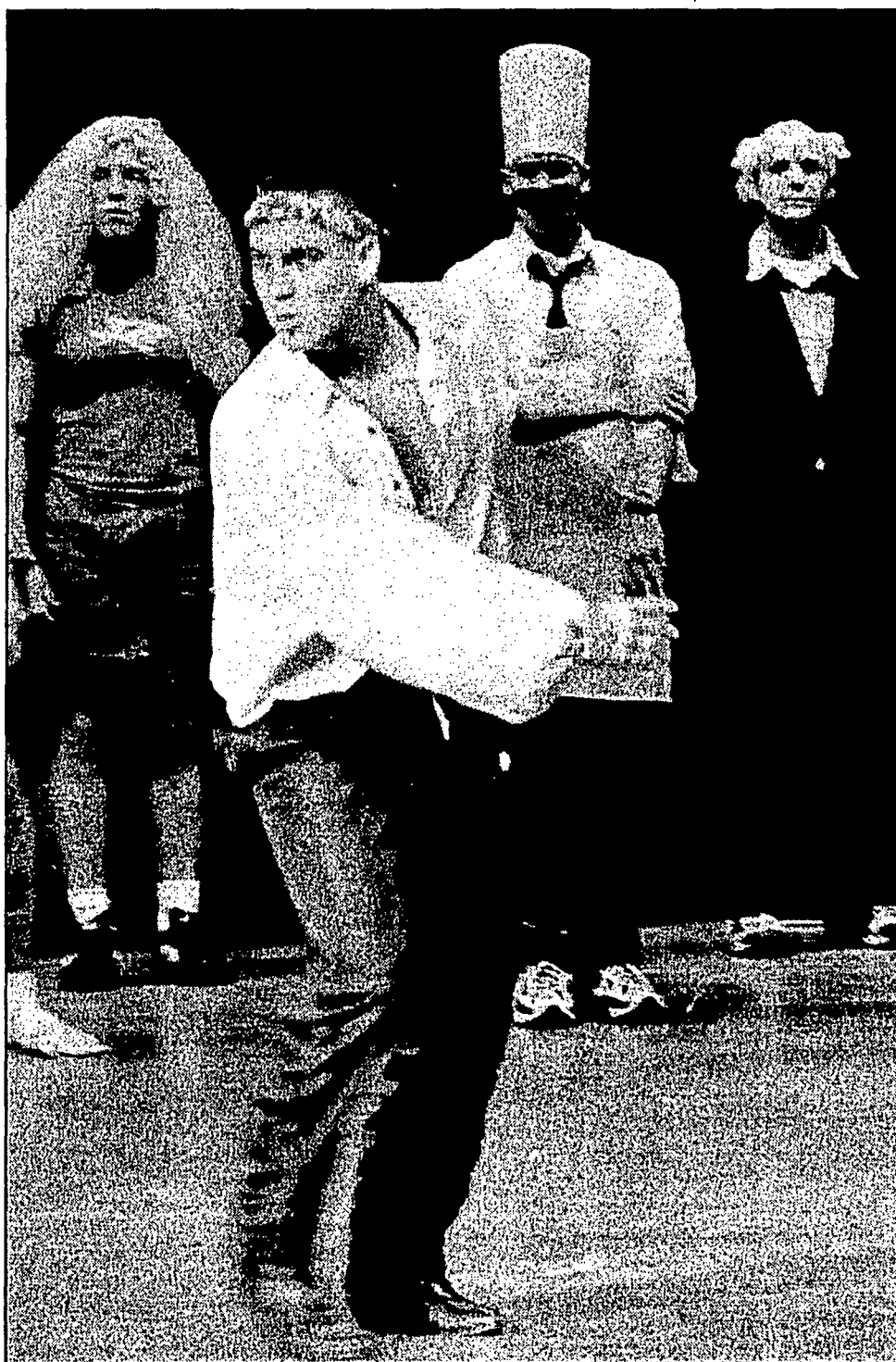
Association, the dean of students and the assistant dean of students.

This year's masters of ceremonies are Jerry Nevins, Jen Brandt and Sarah Derks. Olio acts will include Jeremy Browning, Maria Newquist, Maggie O'Riley, Amy Guenther, Courtney Yeager, Sheri Howard and the Bearcat Steppers.

On Oct. 6 skit tryouts took place. The skits will include Phi Mu, Delta Zeta, Alpha Sigma Alpha, Tau Kappa Epsilon, Sigma Alpha Iota, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Phi Sigma Kappa and Phi Mu Alpha.



The Bearcat Steppers perform "Just for the Ladies" to kick off the second act of the Variety Show Wednesday night.



Doing an impression of Michael Flatley of Lord of the Dance fame, Brian Starkey steps up to the front of the Sigma Phi Epsilon skit at the Variety Show Wednesday. The Sig Eps' skit was the final act of the evening, and a few minutes after leaving the stage, Starkey returned to be crowned 1997 Homecoming King.

"We have put a lot more hours in this year because the theme is so hard — you have to make everything a first."

Becky Bollinger,
Phi Mu member

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Royal reception

King and Queen for 1997 begin their reign after being crowned during the Variety Show



Chris Pavalis

1997 Homecoming Queen

Chris Pavallis is a senior public relations major from Omaha, Neb. She is a member of Sigma Sigma Sigma, Order of Omega, Student Ambassadors, PRSSA, Blue Key, Lambda Pi Eta, and she has also been involved with Student Senate, the *Northwest Missourian* and has served on the Student/Faculty Discipline Committee. She is sponsored by Sigma Sigma Sigma.



Brian Starkey

1997 Homecoming King

Brian Starkey is a senior public relations major from Bellevue, Neb. He has been a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon, Student Ambassadors, Student Senate, Inter-Fraternity Council, Our Chapter Our Choice, RTNDA, KDLX X-106 and the *North-west Missourian*. He is sponsored by Sigma Phi Epsilon.



Jennifer Meyer/Photography Director

At the end of the Variety Show Wednesday, 1996 Homecoming Queen and King Mercedes Ramirez and David Zwank present 1997 Queen Chris Pavallis.

sponsored by Sigma Sigma Sigma, with her crown and bouquet of flowers. Pavallis' escort, Brian Starkey, sponsored by Sigma Phi Epsilon, was named King.

The Homecoming court



**Kelly
Ferguson**



Christopher Fisher



**Neil
Neumeier**



Evan Polly

Although only one king and one queen are crowned each Homecoming, the eight other finalists serve on the Homecoming court. Here are the finalists.

KING CANDIDATES

• **Kelly Ferguson** is a senior marketing/management major from Clarinda, Iowa. He is the president of Inter-Fraternity Council, executive vice president of Student Senate, a member of Student Ambassadors, a peer adviser, a member of Delta Sigma Phi, the American Marketing Association, Mortar Board, Order of Omega, Cardinal Key, Delta Mu Delta and Alpha Chi academic honor society. He is sponsored by Delta Sigma Phi.

• **Christopher Fisher** is a junior piano performance major from Carrollton. He is a director of music in Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, a member of Phi Eta Sigma, Northwest Celebration (pianist), Music Educators National Conference and his is the president of Tower Choir. He is sponsored by Sigma Alpha Iota.

• **Nell Neumeyer** is a senior public relations major from Bennington, Neb. He has been a member of Kappa Sigma, the Northwest Forensics Team, United Methodist Campus Ministry, Yuletide Feast (king), PRSSA, Campus Crusade for Christ, Order of Omega and Pi Beta Alpha. He is sponsored by Kappa Sigma.

• **Evan Polly** is a senior marketing/management major from New Bloomfield. He is a member of Student Ambassadors, Mortar Board, Inter-Fraternity Council, American Marketing Association and Tau Kappa Epsilon. He is sponsored by Student Ambassadors.

QUEEN CANDIDATES

• **Rachel Kuzma** is a senior molecular biology major from Minneapolis. She is a member of Phi Eta Sigma (secretary), Alpha Sigma Alpha, Beta Beta Beta, Cardinal Key, Mortar Board and Alpha Chi. She is sponsored by Alpha Sigma Alpha.

- **Tiffany Leever** is a senior vocal music education major from Washington, Iowa. She is a member

of Northwest Celebration, Tower Choir, University Chorale, Sigma Alpha Iota, Music Educators National Conference and Student Ambassadors. She is sponsored by Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia.

- **Marisa Sanchez** is a junior middle school, Spanish/language arts major from Kansas City. She is the student representative to the Board of Regents, a member of Phi Mu, Blue Key, Order of Omega, Strategic Planning Council, Team Leadership, Hispanic American Leadership Organization and Phi Sigma Iota. She is sponsored by Phi Mu.

• **Kourtney Strade** is a senior vocal music education major with an instructor certification from Bethany. She is a member of Alpha Chi, Kappa Delta Pi, Kappa Kappa Psi prospective member, Mortar Board, Music Camp of Excellence, Music Educators National Conference, Northwest Celebration, Show and Jazz Choir Festival student co-chairwoman, Sigma Alpha Iota, Tower Choir, University Chorale and Wind Symphony. She is sponsored by Sigma Alpha Iota.



Rachel Kuzma



Tiffany Leever




Marisa Sanchez



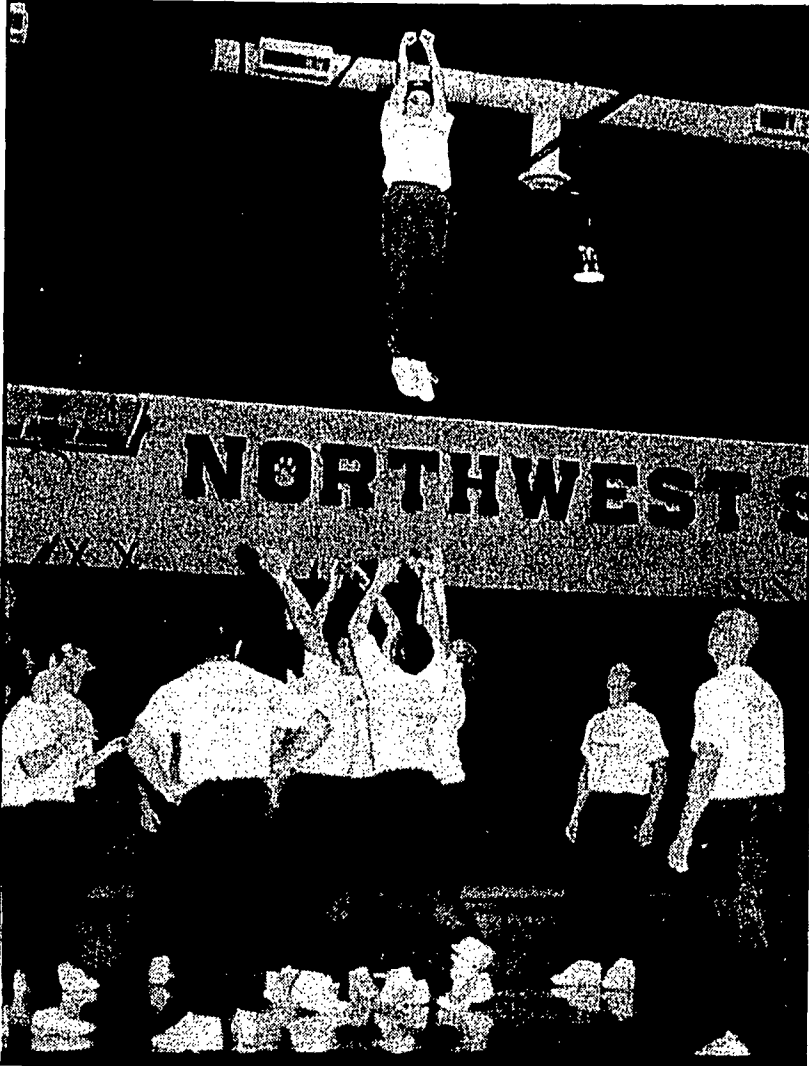
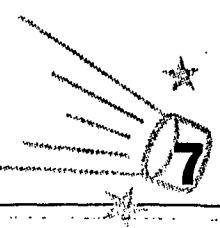
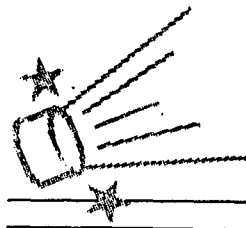
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Bearcat cheerleaders perform their routine to pump up the crowd at the Bearcat Bash Tuesday in Lamkin Gym. The pep rally replaced the Ash Bash, which traditionally took place after the Thursday Variety Show.

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Kicking it off with a Bash

■ Replacing traditional Ash Bash, Bearcat Bash pumps up school spirit

by Christy Chesnut
Features Editor

Cheers, chants and spirited music brought Bearcat Arena to life Tuesday night at the first-ever Bearcat Bash.

The Northwest fall athletes gathered in the arena, along with their supporters, to begin the Homecoming week festivities.

The event was adapted from the Ash Bash, which kicked off Northwest Homecomings in past years.

The Ash Bash consisted of a bonfire and usually took place on a Thursday.

Kyle Niemann, the coordinator of this year's event, said the changes were made to bring the event to a central location and draw a larger crowd.

"We were trying to get more participation from campus," Niemann said. "We want to get everyone involved, not just the Greeks."

The pep rally began at 9 p.m. in Bearcat Arena and lasted less than



Tim Kay/Chief Photographer

Bobby Bearcat relaxes on a fan during the Bearcat Bash Tuesday evening. Bobby was one of several performers at the event, which was intended to spark school spirit before the Homecoming weekend.

an hour. It included performances from the Bearcat Cheerleaders and Steppers and a visit from Bobby Bearcat.

Coaches of the men's and women's cross country teams, volleyball team and women's soccer team introduced their players to put faces to their names and get supporters enthused about the upcoming weekend.

"It really got me pumped and excited for Homecoming," said Jessica Courtney, president of the women's soccer team. "It was great to see everyone get together and

have fun."

Mel Tjeerdsmas, head football coach, introduced the senior players on the team.

Starting quarterback Chris Greisen also gave a pep talk, thanking the fans for their support and spreading a positive attitude throughout the crowd.

"I just hope Bobby (Bearcat) is getting a little bit stronger with all the points we are going to score," Greisen said at the rally.

Besides team introductions, prizes were awarded to the winners of several contests that occurred throughout

the week. The winners of the chili contest were the men of Dieterich Hall and the banner contest winner was the Residence Hall Association.

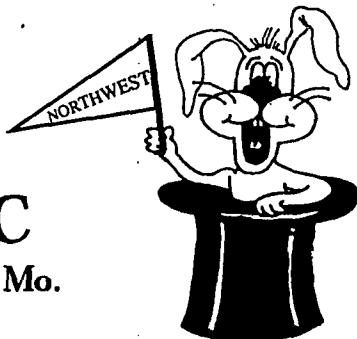
The co-winners of the scavenger hunt Tuesday were Kappa Kappa Psi and Dieterich Hall.

The scavenger hunt helped raise money for the United Way and the First United Methodist Church food bank.

While the event was a success for the teams involved, a smaller number of supporters attended than were expected, Niemann said.



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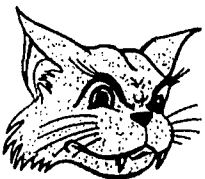
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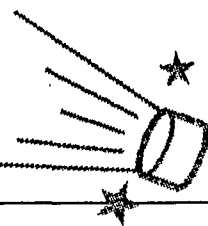


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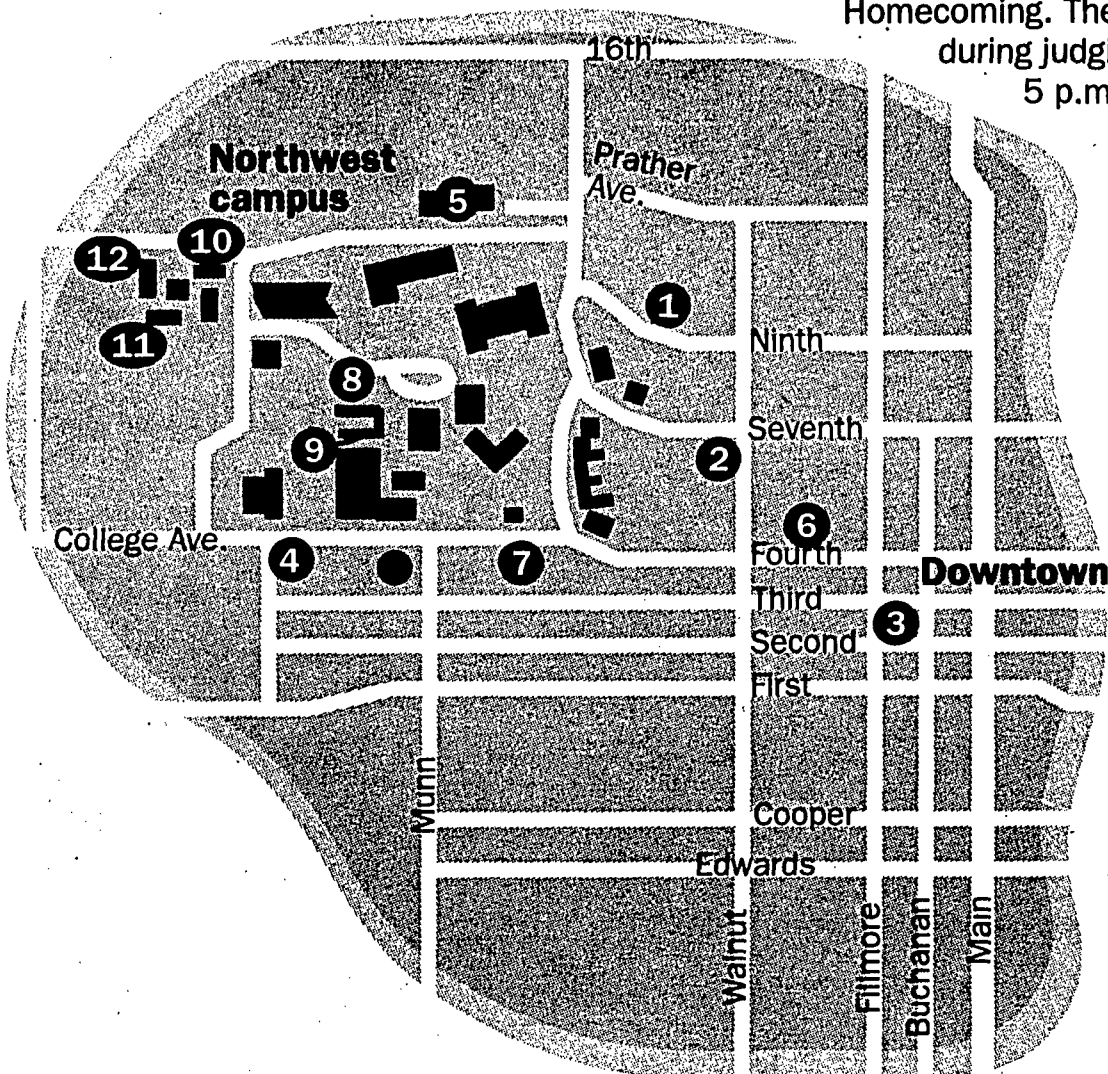
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Take a tour of the house decorations

Here's your guide to the campus organizations that have constructed house decs for Homecoming. The best time to view them is during judging, which takes place at 5 p.m. Friday.

- 1 Alpha Sigma Alpha and Tau Kappa Epsilon — "First World's Fair," Ninth and Walnut streets
- 2 Phi Mu and Delta Sigma Phi — "Man on the Moon," 622 N. Walnut St.
- 3 Sigma Sigma Sigma and Delta Chi — "Star Wars," 219 W. Second St.
- 4 Sigma Kappa and Phi Sigma Kappa — "Discovery of America," 940 College Ave.
- 5 Alpha Tau Alpha — "Bobby Bearcat's First Farm," Ag. Education Center
- 6 Baptist Student Union — "The First Commandment," 401 W. Fourth St.



- 7 International Students Organization — "The World Comes to Northwest," 718 W. College Ave.
- 8 North Complex — "Horror Movies"
- 9 South Complex — "First Cartoon Characters"
- 10 Dieterich Hall Council — "Football Firsts"
- 11 Phillips Hall — "First Northwest Football Game"
- 12 Millikan Hall Council — "Unique Famous First Women"

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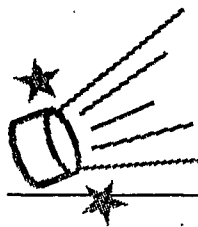
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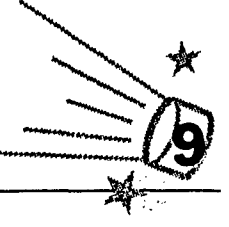


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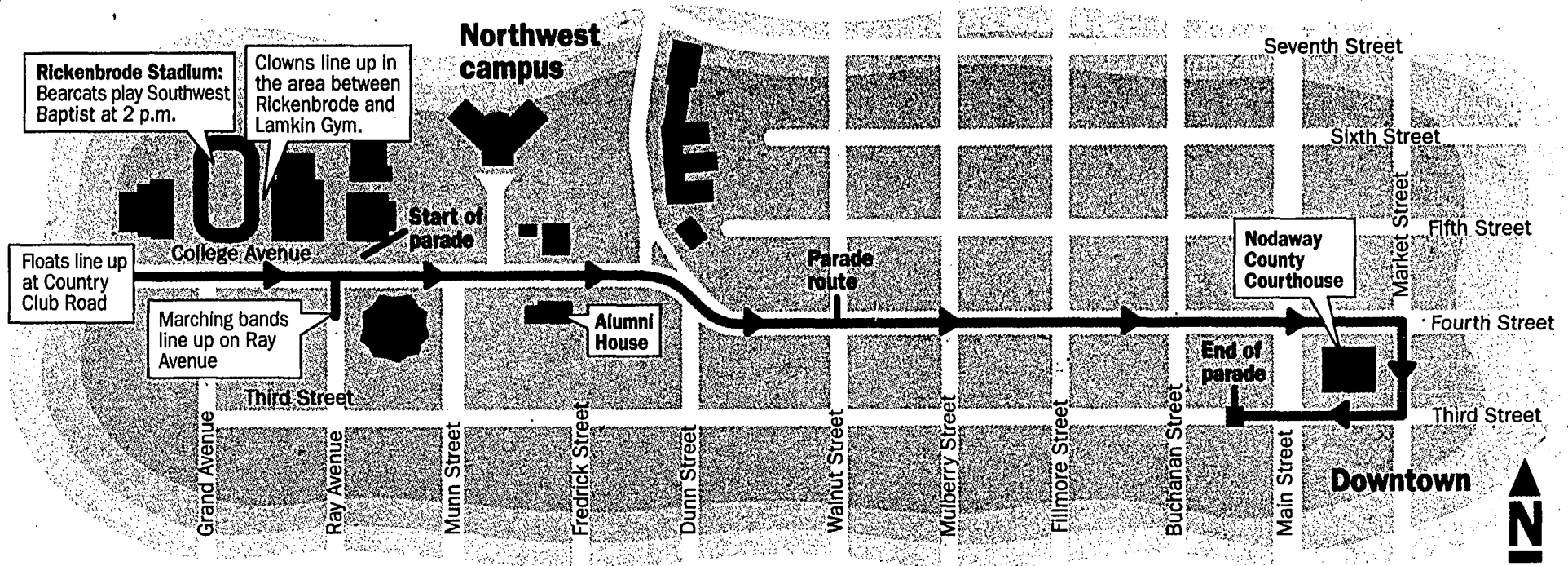
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The Walk of Fame



From cavemen to Coca-Cola, here's how it all lines up

The following are the groups that will appear in Saturday's Homecoming parade, along with the title of their entries.

Floats

Highly Competitive Category

Sigma Kappa and Sigma Phi Epsilon — First Flight Around the World
Delta Zeta — First Man on the Moon
Alpha Sigma Alpha and Tau Kappa Epsilon — Bobby Bearcat and the Statue of Liberty
Phi Mu and Delta Sigma Phi — Baby Bearcats' First Steps
Sigma Sigma Sigma and Alpha Gamma Rho — Dinosaurs
Phi Sigma Kappa — First Steam Engine

Competitive Category

Kappa Sigma and Sigma Society — First Night Baseball Game
Horace Mann Student Council — Bobby Armstrong and the Horace Mann Bearcubs
Maryville Headstart — First Thanksgiving
Support Staff Council — First Successful Pelletizing Plant in Missouri
Baptist Student Union and International Students Organization — The First Commandment

Mini-floats

Sorority

Delta Zeta — First Hot Air Balloon
Alpha Sigma Alpha — Garden of Eden
Phi Mu — First Airplane
Sigma Sigma Sigma — First Steam Engine
Sigma Kappa — First Coca-Cola
Fraternity
Phi Sigma Kappa — First Loaf of Sliced Bread
Tau Kappa Epsilon — First Godzilla
Delta Chi — First Star Wars
Delta Sigma Phi — Discovery of Electricity

Jalopy

Tau Kappa Epsilon — Batmobile
Phi Sigma Kappa — First Woodstock
Student Ambassadors — car
Missouri Army National Guard — Hum-Vee and Howitzer
Tiny Tots — Twirlers
Delta Chi — Rocky
Alpha Gamma Rho — Model T
American Marketing Association — car
KNWT — car and TV camera
KDLX — car and radio

Hudson Hall Council — Kazoo Band
Sigma Phi Epsilon — ALS Teeter Totter
Residence Hall Association — car and First Bobby Bearcat
Sigma Alpha — First Woman to Fly
Fellowship of Christian Athletes — Ed Sullivan's Famous Firsts
United Way — car
Beta Sigma Phi — car
Student Senate — car
North Hall Council — First Horror Movies
Alumni House — parade horse

Pomped Clowns

Sorority

Sigma Sigma Sigma — Sheep Cloning, Coca-Cola
Phi Mu — Elvis, Dinosaurs
Delta Zeta — Discovery of Electricity, Plymouth Rock
Alpha Sigma Alpha — First Kiss, Fast Food
Sigma Kappa — Super Bowl, Chicken or the Egg

Fraternity

Tau Kappa Epsilon — First Godzilla, First King Kong
Phi Sigma Kappa — First Toothbrush and Toothpaste, First Stick of Deodorant

Delta Sigma Phi — Harlem Globetrotters
Delta Chi — Mickey and Minnie Mouse

Independent

Sigma Society — First Candies
Tau Phi Upsilon — Berlin Wall

Paper Mache Clowns

Sorority

Phi Mu — Snow White, Evil Queen, Prince, Star Wars
Delta Zeta — Steamboat Willie, Dinosaurs
Alpha Sigma Alpha — Astronauts, First Family
Sigma Kappa — Toy Story, Fantasia

Fraternity

Tau Kappa Epsilon — Composers, Jackie Robinson
Phi Sigma Kappa — Cloned Sheep, Fire, Wheel, Caveman
Delta Sigma Phi — First Pro Wrestlers

Independent

Tau Phi Upsilon — World Wide Web
Sigma Society — James Brown, Rocky

Costume Clowns

Sorority

Delta Zeta — First Toys, Ameri-

can Patriots

Alpha Sigma Alpha — The Three Stooges, First Olympics
Phi Mu — Mickey Mouse Club, Seven Dwarfs
Sigma Sigma Sigma — Adam and Eve, Tiger Woods and Caddy
Sigma Kappa — Steps and Words, Gone With the Wind

Fraternity

Tau Kappa Epsilon — Superman, Wonder Woman and Green Lantern, First Women's Baseball Team
Phi Sigma Kappa — First Down, WNBA

Sigma Phi Epsilon — New World Order (wrestling)

Independent

Tau Phi Upsilon — Mobile Phone
Student Support Services — Model T
Christian Campus House — Adam and Eve
Sigma Society — First Road Race
Bearcat Sweethearts — Presidents' Wives
Sigma Alpha — American Bandstand
North Complex — First Horror Movie Characters
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BEHIND the scenes



"The best part is on Saturday or the nights of the Variety Show, when everything that the organizations have worked hard on is passing by."

Brenda Mohling

Homecoming directors work their magic on Northwest's biggest weekend

"There's nothing better than Homecoming ... It's like going out on that first date. I kind of have that relationship with Homecoming."

Dave Catherall



by Jennifer Simler
Features Editor

She is one of the most important people behind the scenes for Homecoming 1997. Thanks to her energetic attitude, whatever Brenda Mohling dedicates herself to always seems to have a successful outcome. Now she's betting that track record will work with Homecoming.

Mohling accepted the challenge, along with David Catherall, to be one of the Overall Homecoming directors for 1997. The two full-time students have one of the biggest traditions resting on their shoulders.

So, why would someone want all that responsibility?

"I'm really proud to do it," Mohling said. "I think it's a big honor. It's teaching me a lot about organization and being a leader. It's a very, very big honor. It's also making me work with different people and I think that is helping me."

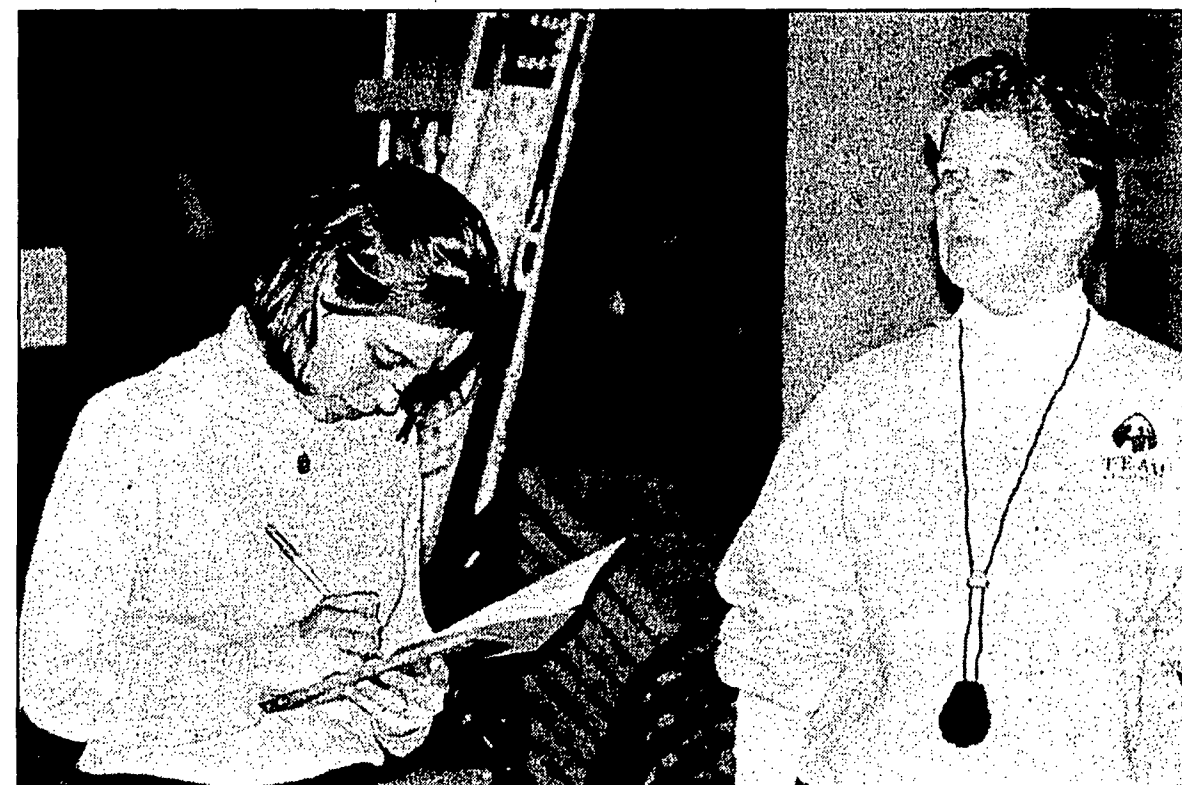
With the utmost respect coming from many of her peers, Brenda is also very respected among faculty. Bryan Vanosdale, director of campus activities, works directly with the Homecoming directors and with Mohling in other organizations.

"Brenda was on the board that hired me," Vanosdale said. "I didn't know she was a student. I thought she was a full-time employee with some big title. She carries herself very on top of things. She doesn't give the impression of a student."

Along with her professional and responsible attitude, Brenda is an enthusiastic person whose character is bounded with energy.

"She's like a tornado; she can cover so much area with so much energy," Vanosdale said. "I don't know how she does all she does. She almost wears me out. I did nothing in college compared to her. She has a genuine concern with the campus and the things the campus does."

Mohling admitted that she's nervous and proud to be organizing Homecoming for Northwest, but it has its ups and downs.



Backstage before the Variety Show Wednesday, Brenda Mohling, left, signs a birthday card for Sarah Derks, one of the show's masters of ceremony, as Denise Ottinger helps with final preparations for the show.

"The worst part is being criticized," Mohling said. "But, the best part is on Saturday or the nights of the Variety Show, when everything that the organizations have worked hard on is passing by. I'll be proud again and again. Even though we (Mohling and Catherall) didn't directly have anything to do with it, we helped put it together, I'll be proud."

Vanosdale and Kent Porterfield, assistant vice president of student affairs, agreed that Mohling is a definite leader at the University.

One of the biggest tasks Mohling had to face was being new to the big position of Homecoming director, unlike Catherall, who was one of the directors last year.

"Brenda is the type of person you don't have to do much work or coaching," Porterfield said. "She's

real competent and picks up quickly."

Vanosdale said even though she is new, she's no rookie.

"She really stepped forward, taking the bulls by the horns," Vanosdale said. "She gives the impression of being a very seasoned Homecoming chair."

One of the hardest parts for Mohling was working with her peers. When problems arose, Mohling was frequently on the list to call to handle and solve the problem, even if it wasn't the answer they were expecting.

She was also the one who received the phone calls when someone was unhappy.

"Everyone can take criticism from parents or teachers, but hearing from your peers is different," Mohling said. "I've learned you just

have to do your job, and do it the best you can, under all different circumstances."

The day of Homecoming, the big showdown, is now on the horizon, and everything that Mohling and Catherall have been working on for many months is finally making its debut.

For Mohling, it will be "pure hell," she said smiling. "It'll be really chaotic and I'll be running everywhere getting things done, but I'll still be really proud of all the organizations and all the hard work."

The one thing about Homecoming day that Mohling is disappointed about is that she'll have to miss the football game because she and Catherall will be tallying the scores.

"I'll miss my senior year Homecoming football game," Mohling said. "I love to watch the football games."

Even after the Homecoming festivities are over, there is another tradition that is specially catered to the current Homecoming chairmen: The old Homecoming directors return and buy the new ones a shot Saturday night after all the festivities are over.

"I'm looking forward to seeing Ann Sliger coming back and buying me a shot of whatever," Mohling said. "I'll probably be so tired I won't be able to even hold the shot."

Once Mohling wakes up Sunday morning, her schedule will take a big turn. She doesn't know exactly how she will feel, but one word definitely stuck out in her mind.

"Relieved," she said. "But then I don't know what I'll have to do."

Mohling's Corner

Name: Brenda Ann Mohling
Hometown: Hastings, Neb.
Population: 23,000
Birthday: Feb. 13, 1976
Family: one older sister, Angie
High school: Hastings Senior High
Favorite music: All kinds

Favorite class: Geography with Don Hagan — "Isn't that everyone's favorite class?" Mohling said.
Activities: Phi Mu, Our Chapter Our Choice, Panhellenic, Overall Homecoming Royalty Co-Director, Overall Homecoming Co-Director

by Jamie Hatz
Editor in Chief

Although you can't see his baton, Dave Catherall is the conductor of the biggest symphony of events in Northwest's school year.

As Homecoming co-director, he is responsible for coordinating the entire campus so that Wednesday night at 7 p.m. everything starts on time, in pitch and in step.

While it may seem easy to imitate a conductor, it truly takes a bit of magic in that wand of his to pull off Homecoming.

"I guess it's somewhat of a love-hate relationship," said Catherall, vocal music education major. "It's one of those things that while it's going on you complain about it and you talk about how busy you are, but when it's over you miss it."

Catherall is working on his second Homecoming masterpiece, and another part of his magic is bringing everyone's work together.

As he stands in front of organizing Northwest's Homecoming the pressure from the audience increases.

"There is a pressure to a certain extent, but I try to let it slide off me as much as possible," Catherall said. "The pressure that I feel is the pressure I put upon myself to say, 'If I am going to be doing this, then I want to make it the best possible.'"

Catherall began making preparations for Homecoming last spring.

Catherall's Corner

Full name: David Alan Catherall
Birthday: Oct. 8, 1974
Hometown: Bellevue, Neb.
Siblings: one older sister, Christa
High school: Bellevue West High

School Major: Vocal music education
Graduation: May 1998
Favorite TV show: "M.A.S.H."
Favorite music: The Who



Dave Catherall, student co-director for Homecoming, goes over last-minute details before Wednesday's Variety Show. This is the second year Catherall has served as Homecoming co-director.

last year that I never expected — Dave Gieseke," Catherall said. "Even though he's older than I am, I consider him a close friend, and he always probably will be."

Gieseke said knowing that people like Catherall and Mohling would be in charge of Homecoming made it easier for him to let it go.

"Both Brenda and Dave are very talented individuals which made it easier to leave the responsibility of Homecoming behind," Gieseke said. "I do admit that I miss it, but I knew they both had the experience and could handle it. I knew the tradition

of Homecoming would continue because Dave and Brenda would maintain that and make Homecoming what it is — I knew I was leaving it in capable hands."

Big events such as Homecoming are magical events that still bring feelings of stagefright.

"I still get nervous, but I love it — there's nothing better than Homecoming," Catherall said. "Being a performer, I guess I've gotten somewhat addicted to that feeling and every time you get on stage you get that little tingle. It's like going out on that first date. I kind of have that

relationship with Homecoming."

Being addicted to Homecoming helps Catherall recall two important memories of the big day.

"There are two times when it feels like that," Catherall said. "It's right before Wednesday's opening night of the Variety Show. I'll be backstage and I'll walk up and down the side of the outside of the theater and see everyone file in. It's kind of a buzzing in the air and the show starts and it's fun and new to everybody."

Catherall's other favorite time of Homecoming is early Saturday morning before the parade starts.

"This sounds kind of weird, but in three years I have never slept on Friday night," Catherall said. "I just stay up all night and I take a shower early in the morning and drive by ASAP for a big Mountain Dew or coffee. It is beautiful out and it's early in the morning and it's kind of like the calm weather before the storm."

"It's that anticipation that makes it fun," Catherall said. "It's not always the event that is the greatest thing, it's the working up to the event, it's the whole process. And it's there, at that point, when you're there that morning when you're wondering if everything is going to go off all right. And it does, it always does, but you still get little butterflies in your stomach."

Essentially, Homecoming is about alumni coming home, and Catherall looks forward to when he can pass the baton to someone else.

"I can see myself calling a couple of my friends that I pledged my fraternity with and saying hey let's go back to Northwest this year," he said. "We would come back for a couple of days and see the Variety Show."

After years of devotion and dedication, Catherall will end an era of great Homecoming performances.

"Every alumni I have ever talked to thinks it's great we still do it," he said. "It means so much to the community and the alumni. I hope people are still doing this in 10 years so I can come back and appreciate it."

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WHILE YOU WERE AWAY...

So, you think nothing much changes at the old alma mater once you graduate, right? Especially not in the first year after you get that diploma, right? Wrong.

The beginning of the 1997-98 school year has seen dramatic changes in the makeup of Northwest's administrative lineup. Here's your guide to who's new, who's gone and who's leaving.

Who's Gone

For those alumni who haven't touched base with Northwest since last Homecoming, here's a quick wrap-up of what happened last spring: Dave Gieseke, the director of news and information, and Carole Gieseke, director of publications, left their jobs with the University to take positions in Pella, Iowa, and at Iowa State University, respectively.

This summer another member of that office — Rocco Gasparro, sports information director — resigned as well.

Northwest sports also lost familiar face over the summer when Ron DeShon, women's cross country coach, resigned from his position.

Who's New

Two people were hired to fill Dave Gieseke's position. Ken White, former Northwest mass communication instructor, was named the director of news and information. White's new position left a gap in the mass communication department, but it has been filled



Bryan Vanosdale

by instructor Ken Wilkie.

Bryan Vanosdale was hired as the director of campus activities, which fills another area that Gieseke covered. Vanosdale also serves as the adviser for Campus Activity Programmers.

Vanosdale took his new job at Northwest about three weeks before school started. His other duties include working with Encore



Andy Seeley

performances and Greek life and being the Homecoming adviser.

Vanosdale came to Northwest from Tennessee Tech in Knoxville, Tenn. He said he was drawn

by the smaller enrollment here and the job's opportunities.

"I really liked the job description," Vanosdale told the *Missourian*. "I thought I would be a good addition to the staff."

The new sports information director is a Northwest graduate who returned to his roots to fill the void left by Gasparro. Andy Seeley took over that job at the beginning of the school year.

Seeley gained experience covering Northwest and Maryville sports from his work at the *Maryville Daily Forum* and from four years as a student assistant SID at Northwest.

"I am thrilled to be back at Northwest," Seeley told the *Missourian*. "I have been working to get back here. It has been my goal since I decided what I wanted to do with my career."

Taking over as interim women's cross country coach is Bud Williams, who replaces DeShon. Williams brings 14 years of experience as a high school and junior high cross country and track coach. He came out of retirement to take the position at Northwest.

Who's Leaving

As of press time, three Northwest administrators — including a

member of the Board of Regents — have announced their resignations, and a professor with more than 30 years of experience announced his retirement.

Pat Foster-Kamara resigned as director of multicultural affairs in September, effective Sept. 30.

She accepted a position as the director of African-American Cultural House at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. One of her reasons for leaving Northwest was the opportunity to pursue a doctoral degree in educational administration at UMKC.

However, her daily meetings with Northwest's minority and international students left strong memories.

"I've done my best for my students," Foster-Kamara told the *Missourian*. "Because they are the best. They have made me work here for four and a half years."

Denise Ottinger announced her resignation Sept. 17 from her position as vice president of student affairs, effective Oct. 31.

In seven years at the University, Ottinger had moved up to becoming a member of the President's Cabinet, but a job near her hometown in Michigan is what called her away. She will be the dean of student services at West Shores Community College in Scottville, Mich.

"My history of staying at a job is two to three years because I become bored, but with this place there is always something new, and I never felt in a rut," Ottinger told the *Missourian*.

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Denise Ottinger

Things have changed a bit since some of you graduated.

Here's a quick refresher course to who's who and who's new at Northwest

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Welcome back — now listen up

Some friendly tips for first-time alumni

First off, understand that everything that follows is from a fifth-year senior — the few, the proud, the bitter.

Starting this school year was more of a challenge than I had expected because I didn't realize how darn lonely I was going to be without all my original classmates here.

See, they graduated in May, and slowpoke here took her time with the whole taking classes thing.

With that in mind, I would like to offer some tips to those brand-new, gainfully employed, older-and-wiser, first-time-back alumni who have joined us for their first post-graduation Homecoming.

1. Don't spend every waking minute this weekend at the Pub — you did that enough when you were an undergraduate. Why don't you actually GO to those alumni events and see what it's like to be on the other side? Then you can report back to us your findings. Trust me, we're all kinda curious.

2. As much as you can, please refrain from talking ad nauseam about your job, which I'm sure pays a helluva lot more than I'm making. The border between being proud of you and being jealous of you is slimmer than Southwest Baptist's chances of winning.

3. Don't try to act like you are back in school. You're grown now (much to the surprise of your parents and former classmates) — don't regress after a few beers.

Actually, I'm thrilled to get to see everyone again. Maybe for one weekend I won't feel like some old fogey on campus.

Of course, it all depends upon how many drinks my employed friends are willing to buy for me.

Colleen Cooke is a slightly bitter senior who's very ready to graduate.

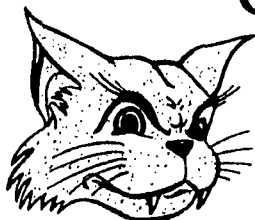


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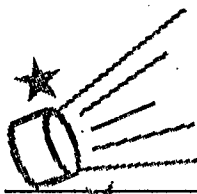
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Celebrating old friends

What: Foster Presidential Years Reunion
When: 7 p.m. Saturday
Where: Country Kitchen
How much: \$10 a person

■ 'Foster Presidential Years Reunion' to honor former University president

by Christy Chesnut
Features Editor

Food, fun and rock 'n' roll will all be part of the festivities Saturday at an alumni reunion honoring former Northwest president Robert Foster and his wife, Virginia.

The "Foster Presidential Years" Homecoming Alumni Reunion will begin at 7 p.m. at the Country Kitchen Banquet Room, and Northwest alumni of all ages are invited to attend.

This is the first year a reunion of this type has been planned. It will provide a chance for alumni to gather and relive the memories of Foster's 13-year era.

"I think the best thing about this is that there will be a place to go after the ball game," said Jessica Loch, a 1972 Northwest graduate and planner of the event. "In the past, there really hasn't been a place for alumni to congregate."

Many former students have fond memories of Foster, who was president from 1964 to 1977.

"Foster is a president students remember," said Shoba Brown, a 1971 graduate and co-coordinator of the Foster reunion. "He was one of those fellows who had an open-door policy and mingled with the students."

Today, Foster continues to serve Northwest in several areas. He enjoys working with athletic director James Redd and the Northwest coaches and contributing his time to the library and KXCV, the campus radio station, which he began while president.

"I'm very proud to be associated with



Robert Foster

Northwest," Foster said. "I love the school very much."

An alumni group that knows Foster and his wife on a personal basis came together and decided to pay tribute to the couple this year.

"It's time to roll out the red carpet and honor the Fosters for their contri-

butions to Northwest and the community," said Mike Johnson, assistant director of alumni relations.

Johnson said the Fosters will also be honored Saturday as the Grand Marshals of the Homecoming parade.

"It's a little overpowering, and I certainly didn't expect it," Foster said. "Virginia and I have a lot to be grateful for. We've been blessed with a great honor."

In addition to honoring the former president and his wife, the reunion will provide a chance for Northwest alumni to come together and reminisce about their college years.

"I live in Maryville, and I still haven't seen some people for a long time," Loch said. "We hope it's a chance for people to get together who normally don't get to see one another."

Johnson said almost 2,000 Northwest alumni live in Maryville. The Alumni House sent them brochures with forms to complete and send in if they wanted to attend the event.

Those who did not fill out the forms can send an R.S.V.P. to the Alumni House or pay the \$10 fee when they arrive at Country Kitchen Saturday. The fee will include snacks, and a cash bar will be available.

The coordinators of the event expect a good turnout and look forward to planning events like this every year.

"We hope that it won't begin and end with Foster," Brown said. "We would like to pick another administrator and honor them next year."



A group of foreign language alumni gathered at Channing and Louise Horners' house in 1992. The Horners have opened their home to alumni at Homecoming for more than 20 years. Photo courtesy of Channing and Louise Horner

Professors open home to returning alumni

by Kevin Schultz
Chief Reporter

For more than 20 years, a group of 20 to 25 alumni have been coming back to Homecoming, but never make it to the football game — they're too busy meeting with professors.

Each Homecoming, the home of modern language professors Channing and Louise Horner becomes a gathering place for alumni and their families.

Saturday is an opportunity for the alumni to reminisce about their Northwest years and to see the changes.

The party originally began with members of the organization Alpha Phi Omega, a national service organization that Channing was the chairman of in the early 1970s. At that time, a fellow member, Barb Gingrich, began having lunch gatherings at her home after the parade. Then one year in the mid '70s, it became more convenient to have the party at the Horners' home.

Again this year, the party will commence at their home after the parade. Alumni will bring food and beverages to the potluck lunch.

"It has been the same group of

alumni throughout the past several years," Channing said. "Several are former modern language students, but many are from other majors."

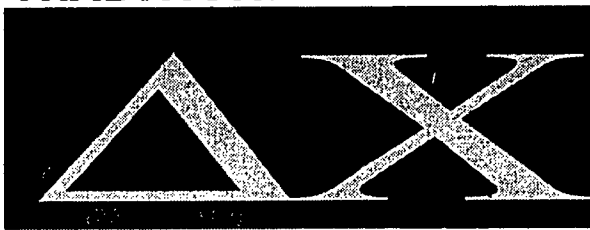
The party is full of different activities, but looking at memorabilia and reflecting on old times take up much of the day. One tradition that has developed is that the Horners have planted a tree in their front yard in memory of a former member, Alan Wagner.

"Alan is responsible for making the group the way it is today," Channing said. "He was an extremely active member, he helped shape this group and is the reason for many of the alumni being involved."

Another important feature of the group is that they have established the only exclusively student-raised endowment for a scholarship at Northwest, to which they give nearly \$1,000 each year.

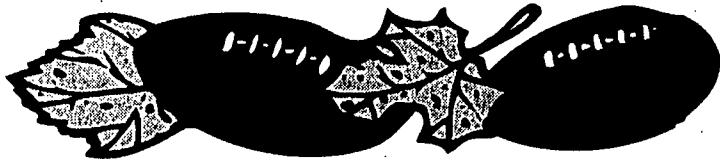
"The most that I get out of this party is to see former students who have found their little niches in their part of society and they are contributing," Channing said. "What they started when they were here really has become a part of the way they now live."

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What: M-Club inductions
When: 6 p.m. Saturday
Where: Union Ballroom

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This year, two championship teams and three individuals will receive the honor.

The formal induction ceremony will take place at 6 p.m. Friday at the Hall of Fame banquet in the Union Ballroom. The inductees will again be honored during halftime of the Homecoming game, which starts at 2 p.m. in Rickenbrode Stadium.

The inductees were chosen by a committee that meets in January each year and presents nominees to be voted on by M-Club members. Based on the returns, those selected for membership are announced in July of each year.

Here are this year's honorees:

John Byrd

During his 15 seasons as the head men's tennis coach, John Byrd compiled a dual record of 195 wins and 97 losses. His teams won or shared seven MIAA championships and finished in the NCAA Division II Top 10 eight times.

Sue Sugg Sharp

A native of Barnard, Sue Sugg was a four-year letter winner for the women's basketball and softball

teams. In 1975-76, she was the leading scorer and also led the league in assists. That year, her team won the MAIAW title and finished fourth at the AIAW Region 6 Nationals. In softball, Sugg helped lead the 1974-75 team to an MAIAW title and a spot in the AIAW Softball World Series.

Bob Henry

Bob Henry began his tenure at Northwest in 1969 as the director of news and information. Henry will be honored by the M-Club as an honorary member for his work in the fields of public relations and sports information.

The 1984 football team

With a record of 10-2, this Bearcat squad captured the MIAA championship and played the first 10 games of the season unbeaten. The team was ranked as high as No. 5 in the NCAA polls and qualified for the NCAA Division II playoffs.

The 1983-84 women's basketball team

This squad tied with Central Missouri State University and Southeast Missouri State University for the MIAA crown before earning a spot in the NCAA Great Lakes regional tournament. The team finished No. 6 in the nation in scoring average.



University President Dean Hubbard congratulates Denise Ottinger, vice president of student affairs, for her years of service to Northwest. Ottinger is leaving the school Friday.

Jennifer Meyer/
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Director

Cabinet member to leave Friday

by Jamie Hatz

Editor in Chief

Although the theme is about firsts, this will be the last Homecoming for Denise Ottinger.

Ottinger, vice president of student affairs, will spend her last day at Northwest on Walkout Day before she leaves to go home.

Ottinger has accepted a new position as the dean of student services at West Shores Community College in Scottville, Mich.

Many people have worked closely with her over the past seven years, and at a farewell reception Tuesday at the Bell Tower the University recognized her contributions.

"Denise has done a tremendous job in a variety of ways," University president Dean Hubbard said. "She has thought to pull the student life side of the institution in under the academic umbrella and make this a seamless experience."

Ottinger was the first woman on the president's cabinet in 1990. Her responsibilities on campus have included a broad range of residential life, multicultural affairs, the counselling center, Greek life, Campus Safety and many others.

"The past two weeks have been very emotional," Ottinger said. "I don't know what to say; it's kind of overwhelming. I will truly miss all of you and Northwest."

Next week in the *Missourian*, look for a profile on Denise Ottinger and her years with the University.



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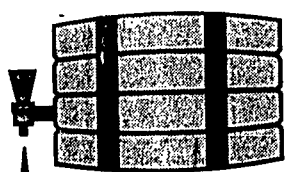
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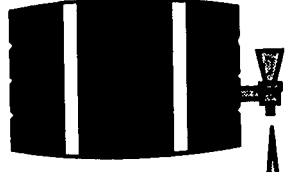
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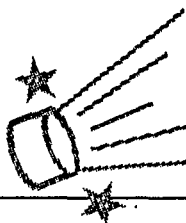
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Starting a tradition

by Colleen Cooke
Editorial Assistant

Mother and son alumni help to break new ground as non-traditional Northwest students

If a traditional college student is someone who enters a university at 18 and graduates with a degree at 22, then label Northwest alumni Dorothy Neely and her son Robert nontraditional.

Long before it was commonplace to see men and women in their late 20s to 40s back in school, Dorothy was earning her education at her own pace.

She attended Northwest for a year after high school, but she left when she married her high school sweetheart, John Neely. He went on to work as the superintendent of the Ravenwood school district.

He and Dorothy had three children — Ann, Robert and Jim — and then Dorothy decided it was time for her to finish her degree.

The most obvious choice of school for her was Northwest. Although John had gotten his degree at the University of Missouri-Columbia, he had gone to Northwest for a year first. In addition, her husband's brother and sister had gone here, and it was conveniently located 10 miles away from her home.

To pursue her education degree, Dorothy picked up courses here and there, whenever it was convenient. In doing so, she wasn't able to experience college the way younger students did.

"I sort of felt like I stuck out like a sore thumb, but they all treated me like one of them, even though they were so much younger," she said.

As a commuter, Dorothy said she would study for her classes in her car or stop by Dairy Queen and study there.

In 1959, she graduated with her degree in elementary education. That commencement was particularly memorable for her because the class of '59 was the first to receive their degrees in Lamkin Gym. She said of all her college experiences, receiving her degree was the biggest thrill.

"It was a big deal to get to college for me then," she said. "The younger generation needs to enjoy campus life. That's something I didn't get to do."

Now, living in St. Joseph, Dorothy said she doesn't come up for Homecoming as much as she would like to, but she still keeps track of her alma mater.

"I was glad to see them beat Missouri Western," she said. "I live here, but that doesn't mean I have to cheer for them."

Her son Robert was able to do what his mother couldn't — experience college life. However, thanks to the Vietnam War, his college years were interrupted and extended.

Robert first attended Northwest in 1967 and stayed until 1970 before service in the Vietnam War called. He returned in January 1973 after his tour of duty and graduated with the class of 1974.

"The first three years I probably enjoyed too much," Robert said. "When I got back from the service, my GPA jumped by a letter grade. I found that going to class was a pretty good thing."

Like his mom, Robert felt his age once he returned to campus.

"Here I was 24 when I came back and I was living in Phillips Hall," he said. "My wife was 19 when I met her and she was living off campus."

Although his years in college lasted longer than usual, his courtship to his wife did not.

He met his future wife, Kathy, who graduated in 1975, through a mutual friend about nine months after he had gotten

back from the war. Six months later, they were married.

"Money was pretty tight, but we really didn't know it at the time," Robert said.

They both earned money working as night managers at the Knotty Pine, and Kathy also worked in the admissions office at the University.

The quick engagement hasn't seemed to affect the longevity of their marriage. The couple will celebrate their 24th

anniversary in December.

Robert, Kathy and their two sons live in Holden, where Robert teaches freshmen geography at Holden High School. At Northwest, he attained a degree in geography, and later a teaching degree.

He is also the assistant football coach and the head track coach.

Even though a busy schedule and conflicting Homecomings (the high school's Homecoming is this weekend as well) have prevented the Neelys from coming back to Northwest much, he has been able to support the University in other ways.

"I push hard for Northwest with my students," he said. "There's a dozen or so kids that I taught in Maryville now. I do my benefit for the University by

encouraging good kids to go up there and get active."

Although his family has moved out of northwest Missouri, Robert said his early years growing up in Ravenwood left a strong mark.

"The roots of the family are in northwest Missouri," he said. "I don't think you have to go to the University of Missouri to get a good education. You're going to get the total educational experience."

Robert and his mother helped to break some new ground at Northwest in the ways they attended school, and both of them remember their years at the University with fondness.

"I can't think of another school I wish I'd gone to, so I guess I'm another satisfied grad," Robert said.



Tim Kay/Chief Photographer

ABOVE Dorothy Neely reads some of her favorite books at her home in St. Joseph. Neely graduated in 1959 from Northwest, and her son Robert went here in the early 1970s.

LEFT Dorothy Neely in 1959. Photo courtesy of Tower Yearbook.

FAR LEFT Clockwise from top: Kurt, Robert, Kathy and Jeremy Neely in their home in Holden. Robert met and married Kathy when they attended Northwest.



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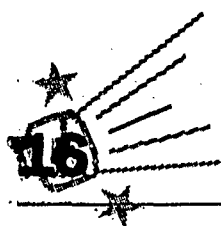
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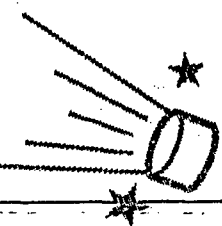
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DE #92 Cole Sidwell 6-6 250 SO.	NG #93 Matt Voge 6-3 275 SO.	DT #53 Aaron Becker 6-3 279 SO.	DE #87 Alan Buckwalter 6-2 217 SO.		
WR #17 John Brooks 5-11 185 FR.	TE #86 Rick Scholten 6-3 238 JR.	LT #60 Ron Hamilton 6-1 245 FR.	LG #61 Robert Varnado 6-5 325 SR.	C #70 Jason Douglas 6-2 248 SO.	RG #76 Mason Bigler 6-0 277 FR.
				RT #78 Joe Smith 6-3 306 SO.	WR #1 Cory Hughes 6-1 187 SO.
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DE #75 George Butler 6-1 213 FR.	NG #71 Paul Rickey 6-3 246 SR.	DT #45 Allen Jackson 6-0 245 FR.	DE #56 Jason Snyder 6-2 246 SR.		
WR #9 Willie Cohen 6-3 205 JR.	TE #88 Matt Becker 6-2 242 SR.	LT #58 Andy Erpelding 6-3 256 FR.	LG #79 Josh Baker 6-3 308 SR.	C #51 Steve Copping 6-3 271 JR.	RG #72 Chad Thompson 6-3 274 SO.
				RT #75 Adam Dorrel 6-0 275 SR.	WR #21 Wade Hanson 6-0 200 SR.
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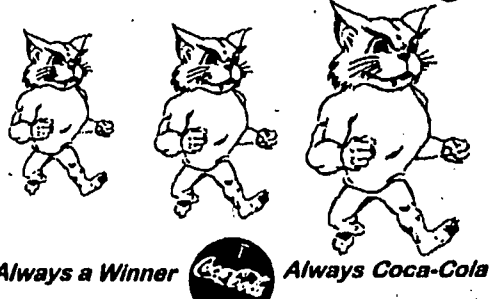
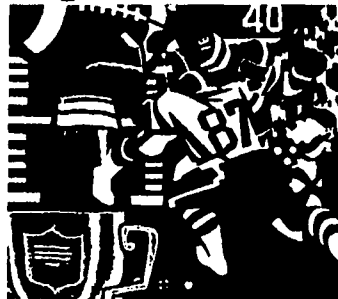
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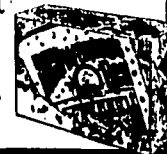
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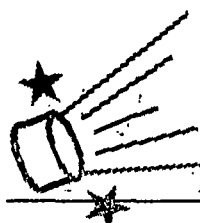


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'Cat Fight

Northwest Bearcats take on the Bearcats of Southwest Baptist University in Homecoming game



Colin McDonough/Managing Editor

Sophomore linebacker Wayland Vacek attempts to block a punt by the University of Missouri-Rolla Miners during last Saturday's game.

by Colin McDonough
Managing Editor

The final tune-up is here before the show-down for the MIAA championship next weekend.

Northwest will battle Southwest Baptist University Saturday for the Homecoming game. The kickoff will be at 2 p.m. in Rickenbrode Stadium. The game will be a prelude to Northwest's battle next Saturday with Pittsburg State University in Pittsburg, Kan. It will be a matchup between two of the top five teams in the nation.

The Bearcats come into Saturday's game ranked No. 5 in the nation with an unblemished record of 6-0. SBU comes into the contest riding a 17-game losing streak including an 0-6 mark this season.

Mel Tjeerdsma, head football coach, said SBU is not a fun team to play.

"In one sense they are a dangerous team because they can go out with nothing to lose," Tjeerdsma said. "The fact that they can let it all hang out makes them dangerous."

Northwest's preparation for SBU is difficult as well, Tjeerdsma said.

"It's tougher to prepare for a team like that because if you are not prepared, they can put you into shock if things start going their way," he said.

Tjeerdsma said SBU's special teams are a strength because they have the MIAA's leading punt returner in Derek Deuvall. SBU also has blocked several punts this season and that could be a factor in the game.

Homecoming will also play a factor in the game, Tjeerdsma said.

"We are going to have such a big crowd, that will be a motivation in itself," he said. "We are going to have a lot of former players there and we are also honoring the 1984 football team. We want those people to feel good about what they see."

Adam Dorrel, senior offensive tackle, said Homecoming is always a great time.

"Speaking for myself, I love Homecoming," Dorrel said. "You get to see all the old players and it makes me want to play harder."

Freshman linebacker Wes Simmons said the team will have to think more about the game and less about the activities concerning Homecoming.

"We have to stay focused on the objective — the game," Simmons said. "We can't get caught up in all the Homecoming stuff."

Tjeerdsma said he's sure the players realize they have some challenges ahead, but they have to take them one game at a time.

"We are aware we've got some tough games coming up," he said. "The challenge we have now is to focus on who we play now. I'm sure in some of our minds we're looking ahead, but overall we are really focused. A lot of the players went through it last year and they know to take things as they come."

Simmons said Pittsburg State will be lurking in the shadows but first things first.

"I'll be thinking about Pitt, there's no doubt in my mind, but we have to take care of Southwest (Baptist)," he said.



Jennifer Meyer/Photography Director

During the Bearcat Bash in Bearcat Arena Tuesday night, Bobby Bearcat hangs out with Mel Tjeerdsma, head football coach.

Don Black trophy should go to entire Northwest offensive line

Blockers provide protected pockets for Bearcat quarterback's stellar plays



■ Colin McDonough

The Don Black Memorial Trophy is given annually to the most valuable Northwest football player during the Homecoming game.

The award usually goes to a skills position player like a quarterback, running back, wide receiver or place-kicker.

Although this year, I would like to see the award given to the Northwest offensive line. These guys do all the dirty work for the Bearcats.

Everyone reads and talks about how quarterback Chris Greisen is able to pick defenses apart with his pinpoint passing.

But would Greisen be able to pick those defenses apart if he did not have five-to-six seconds every

time he steps back into the ever-present pocket?

I don't think so, because I can recall about three years ago the Northwest quarterback would end up on his backside within seconds of the snap.

Yet in the past three years, the offensive line has improved by leaps and bounds.

Greisen has only been sacked nine times this season.

Another question is about A-backs Derek Lane and Charlie Pugh and B-back Kraig Evans. Would they be able to rack up yards if the offensive line had not opened huge holes for these guys to run through?

I remember my freshman year when 400 yards made a player the

season-high rushing leader. Last year, Jesse Haynes rushed for more than 1,800 yards.

Now I don't want to take anything away from Haynes, but I think the line had a big factor in why he was able to gain the yards.

So I am starting a campaign to give the Don Black award to Adam Dorrel, Andy Erpelding, Chad Thompson, Josh Baker and Steve Coppinger.

If you add up their listed weights, it comes to 1,384 pounds of meat, an average of 276.8 per lineman.

Another man that deserves a round of applause is offensive line coach Bart Tatum. He is the man behind this line and creates all the blocking assignments and schemes.

Without him, all the holes and the pocket would not exist.

It probably won't matter what I say, because the guys that catch your attention are ones that put up the big numbers.

Maybe if the statisticians were to keep track of the pancake blocks these guys do every game, then they would be able to put up huge numbers. So they are already fighting an uphill battle.

These guys do all the hard work, yet never get recognized. I can't think of a better way to recognize them than by giving them the most prestigious Homecoming award.

Colin McDonough is the managing editor for the Northwest Missourian.

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Businesses see revenues rise

■ **Homecoming brings long hours, big bucks to eateries, hotels, bars**

by Sarah Bohl
Missourian Staff

Walkout Day, the parade, the football game, the throngs of people everywhere — Homecoming is one of Northwest's and Maryville's biggest events. But how do businesses cope with the wave of people who surge into town during the Homecoming weekend?

Most just grit their teeth and bear it.

"I appreciate all the business the University brings, but I almost dread Homecoming," said Cathy Goerlitz, owner of The Merry Villa Motel. "It's a lot of extra work."

Hotel rooms fill up very early, according to both Goerlitz and Chuck Hetrick, general manager of the Super 8 and Comfort Inn motels.

"People often ask about reservations for next year when they check out from this year," he said.

The reason many people book

rooms so early is because of a lack of places to stay, Goerlitz said.

"There's not enough units in Maryville to fill the need," she said. "You have to be prepared to be full."

Although Hetrick couldn't give exact monetary figures, he said 95 percent of his business during the weekend is related to Homecoming, and it is one of his busiest non-peak weekends. Peak times are usually during the summer months or during holiday weekends, when many people are traveling.

Hotels aren't the only businesses affected by Homecoming because large crowds usually mean lots of hungry people.

"Homecoming is about our busiest day of the year," said Tom McAllister, swing manager at McDonald's. "I'd say we have 25 to 50 percent more business."

Kelly Meyers, shift manager at Country Kitchen, said the restaurant can make from \$1,000 to \$2,000 more revenue during the Saturday of Homecoming than on a normal busy night.

Meyers said Country Kitchen makes its schedule for Homecom-

ing a month in advance, and anyone who wants off must talk to a general manager.

Both McDonald's and Pagliai's schedule all their employees to work Homecoming.

"Everyone has to work at least four hours," McAllister said. "We're very busy all day."

Tammy Goff, assistant manager at Pagliai's, said the restaurant can see a 20 percent increase in revenue just on Friday and Saturday.

"We schedule extra help, and everyone must work at least one shift," Goff said. "It's our busiest day of the year."

Some new business owners, like Molly's owner Joe Ackman, aren't sure what to expect.

"We're running ads and specials for that weekend," he said. "We're also having more help and opening a little earlier. It's going to be an experience."

Even though it may be hectic, Homecoming weekend always manages to leave business owners with a little something to smile about.

"I'm always happy on my way to the bank," Goerlitz laughed.

Marketing group fits Homecoming to a T

■ **Organization makes T-shirts to raise funds, learn sales strategies**

by Erica Smith
Advertising Director

One Northwest organization has found a way to make Homecoming both a profitable business venture and a learning experience at the same time.

The American Marketing Association designs and sells T-shirts to promote its organization and to partake in Homecoming.

"We do it to promote AMA," said Geri Jennings, public relations chairwoman. "It's a good way to take part in the festivities and to make money."

AMA began selling T-shirts Tuesday. Of the 200 T-shirts they ordered, 79 are bought by ARAMARK each year.

"ARA buys a lot," Jennings said. "Everyone who works in the Grill or in the Deli gets one of them. Then we order extra for members to sell."

The T-shirts cost \$10 and can be purchased from AMA members, and, if the shirts are

still available, at the Alumni House or the football game.

AMA comes up with the design for the T-shirts and is responsible for marketing them after production.

"It provides us with valuable experience in marketing," AMA president Rita DelSignore said.

AMA also participates in other Homecoming events, including the parade.

"We nominated a king and queen." "We'll be in the parade," Jennings said. "People will be walking the parade route and handing out candy."

The money AMA makes from the sale of the shirts goes to a fund to help pay for AMA activities, including an international convention in April.

"All year we try to raise money for our international conference," DelSignore said.

At last year's conference in New Orleans the chapter was honored for outstanding fundraising efforts.

"We do a lot of different activities to raise money," DelSignore said. "Some of it we use for the chapter and some we donate to benefit others."

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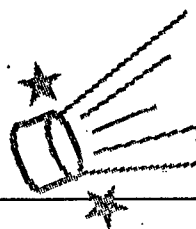
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Swinging away the post-Homecoming blues

■ **Two big band shows and a gospel comedy fill out weekend itinerary**

by Colleen Cooke
Editorial Assistant

Although most of the pomp and circumstance of Homecoming ends Saturday night, Sunday and Monday will give visitors and locals a few more entertainment options to fill their time.

The Pete Eye Trio from Kansas City kicks off the Sunday activities with a repeat performance of the luncheon and big band dance that the ensemble has provided after previous Homecomings.

The luncheon and dance will take place at noon in the University Con-

ference Center. Tickets cost \$10 for both the luncheon and the dance, while tickets for the dance cost \$3.

Eye, who plays the piano and keyboards, will be joined by Gerald Spaetz on bass and Allen Wiley on drums.

Eye creates his own unique sound as he plays both the piano and the electronic keyboard — sometimes at the same time.

After the Pete Eye Trio wraps up, the Count Basie Orchestra will step up to the microphone for a performance at 3 p.m. in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

Named after William "Count" Basie, the orchestra will bring the big band swing sound to Northwest with songs like "Jumpin' at the Woodside," "Moten Swing" and

"One O'Clock Jump."

Throughout his 80-year life, Count Basie helped to make American jazz the art form that it is today.

His influence and example survives today in the work of the man who leads the orchestra bearing his name — Grover Mitchell.

Mitchell gained his jazz roots in Pittsburgh and first became acquainted with Count Basie 22 years ago when Mitchell was a lead trombone player with the Count.

Bryan Vanosdale, director of campus activities, said tickets for the Count Basie Orchestra, which cost \$10 each, are nearly sold out.

Vanosdale said because of the large number of alumni in town for the weekend, plus a large Northwest population interested in the performing arts, an act like the Count Basie Or-

chestra is a big draw.

While the weekend may come to a close Sunday, on Monday Campus Activity Programmers offers another choice of entertainment with "Church Mess" at 7:30 p.m. in the Mary Linn. Tickets cost \$5.

Vanosdale said CAPs booked the show at the beginning of the school year after receiving information about the touring group, called Theater Awareness, based out of New Orleans.

"It's supposed to be extremely funny," Vanosdale said. "In everything I've read about it, it's gotten incredible reviews."

Beyond the good reviews, however, Vanosdale said he liked the show's upbeat message and family-friendly content.



Under the direction of Grover Mitchell, the Count Basie Orchestra will fill the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center with swing.

What: "Church Mess"
When: 7:30 p.m. Monday
Where: Mary Linn Performing Arts Center
How much: \$5

Campus Activity Programmers presents "Church Mess," a comedy about "that church down the street."



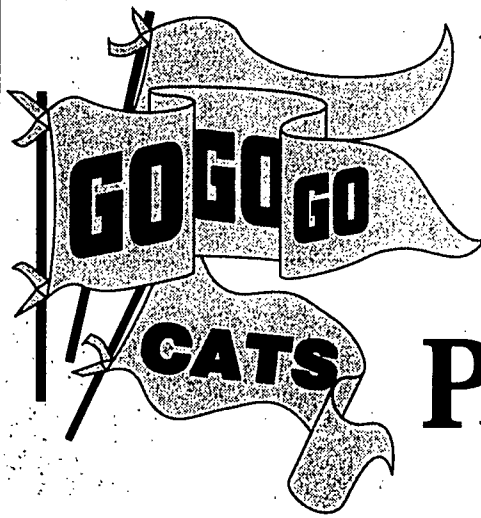
What: The Count Basie Orchestra
When: 3 p.m. Sunday
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How much: free

What: The Pete Eye Trio Luncheon/Big Band Dance
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Class of 1947 Golden Anniversary Luncheon, Alumni House, noon
All-Alumni Golf Outing, 2-person scramble, Mozingo 18-hole championship golf course, shotgun start at noon
M-Club Hall of Fame Athletic Banquet, J.W. Jones Union Ballroom, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 18

Complimentary Doughnuts, Coffee and Juice
Alumni House, 8:30 a.m. until the parade. Everyone welcome!
Parade, Beginning at the Fine Arts Building, 9:30 a.m.
All-Alumni Barbecue and Class of 1987 10 year Reunion Luncheon
Alumni House Lawn, following the parade 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Bearcat Football vs. Southwest Baptist, Rickenbrode Stadium, 2 p.m.
Foster Homecoming Celebration, Country Kitchen Banquet Room, 7 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 19

Pete Eye Trio Luncheon and Dance, University Conference Center, noon
Count Basie Orchestra, Mary Linn Performing Arts Center, 3 p.m.

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